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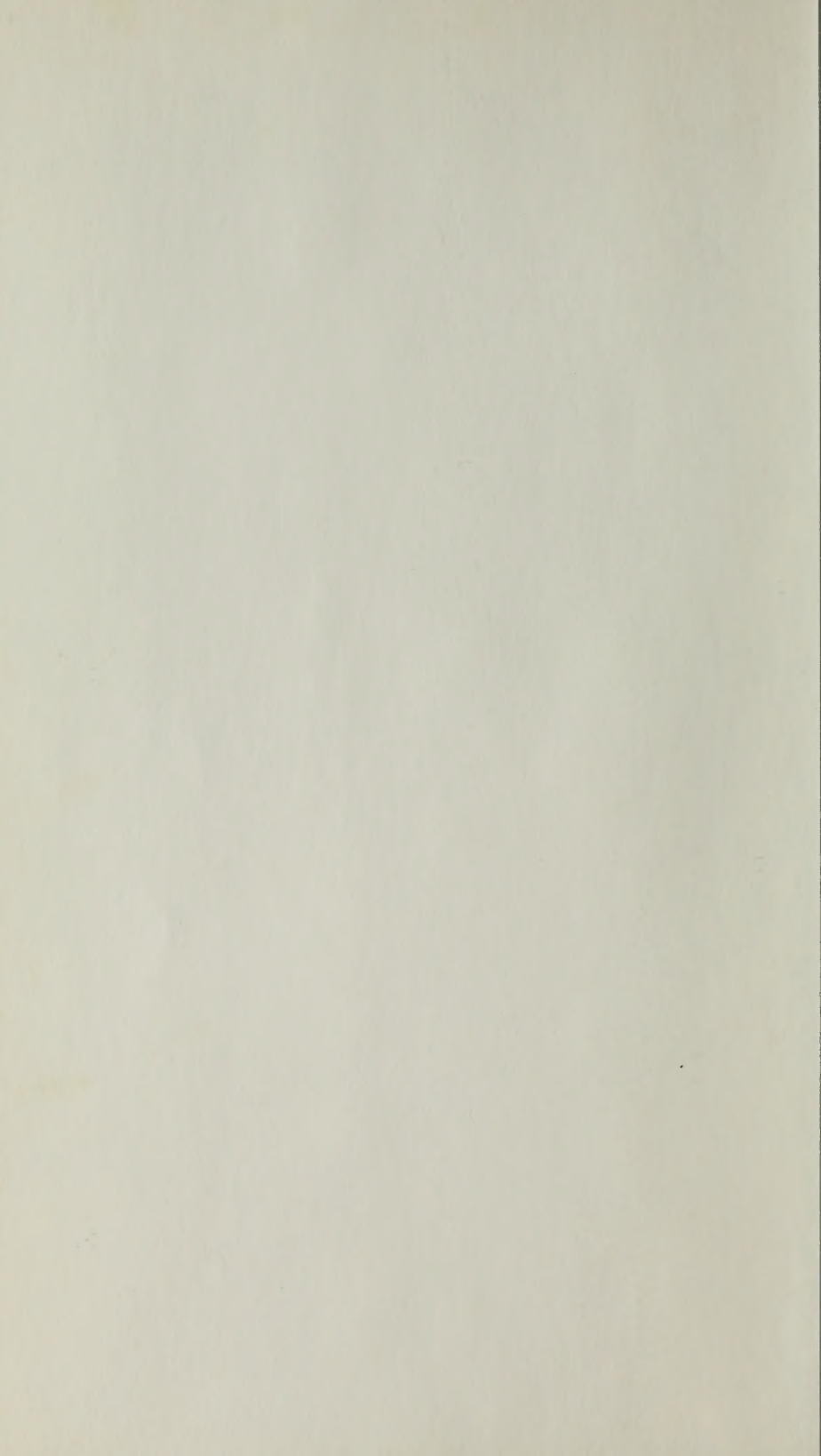
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF THE

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE

Year ending January 31, 1880.

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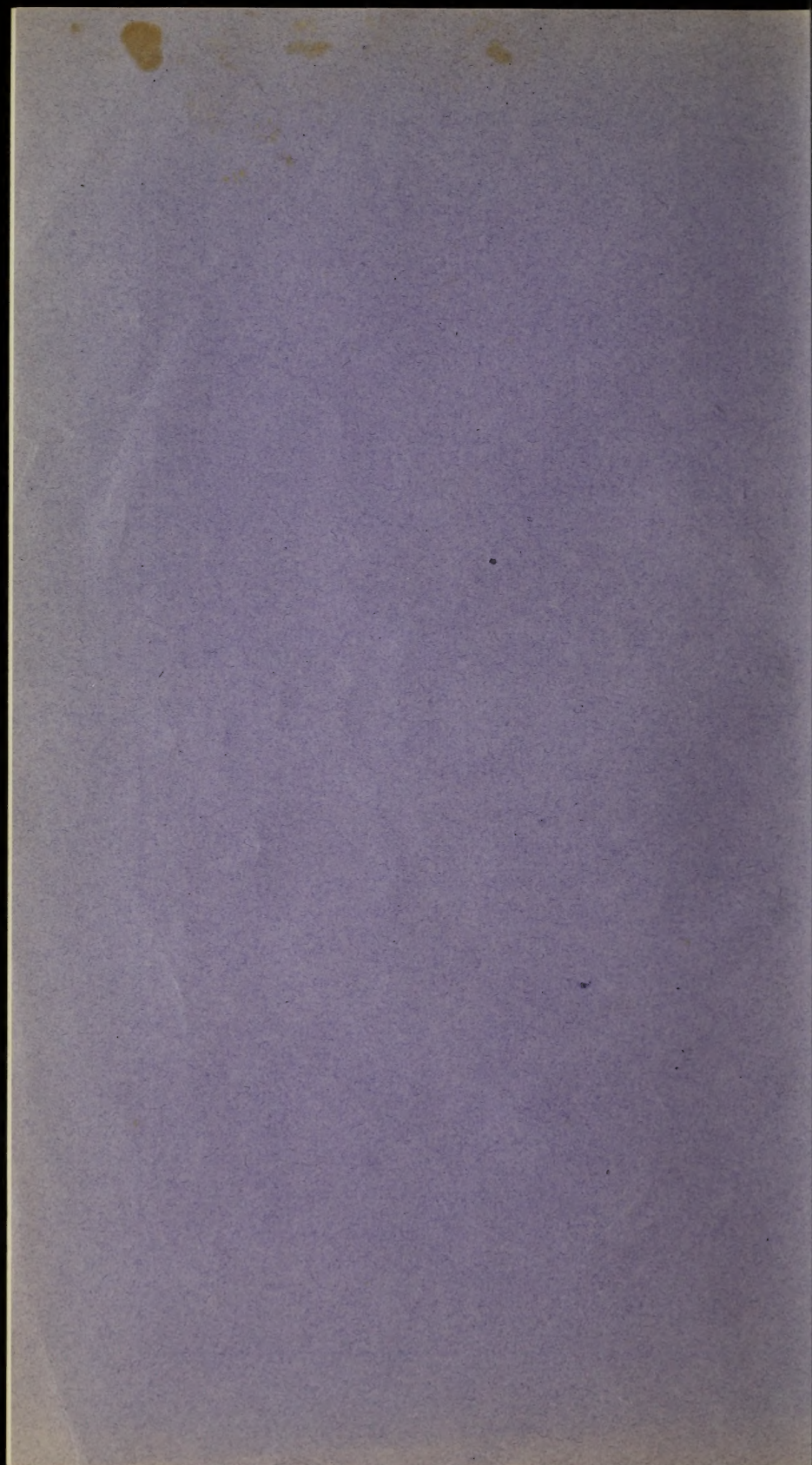
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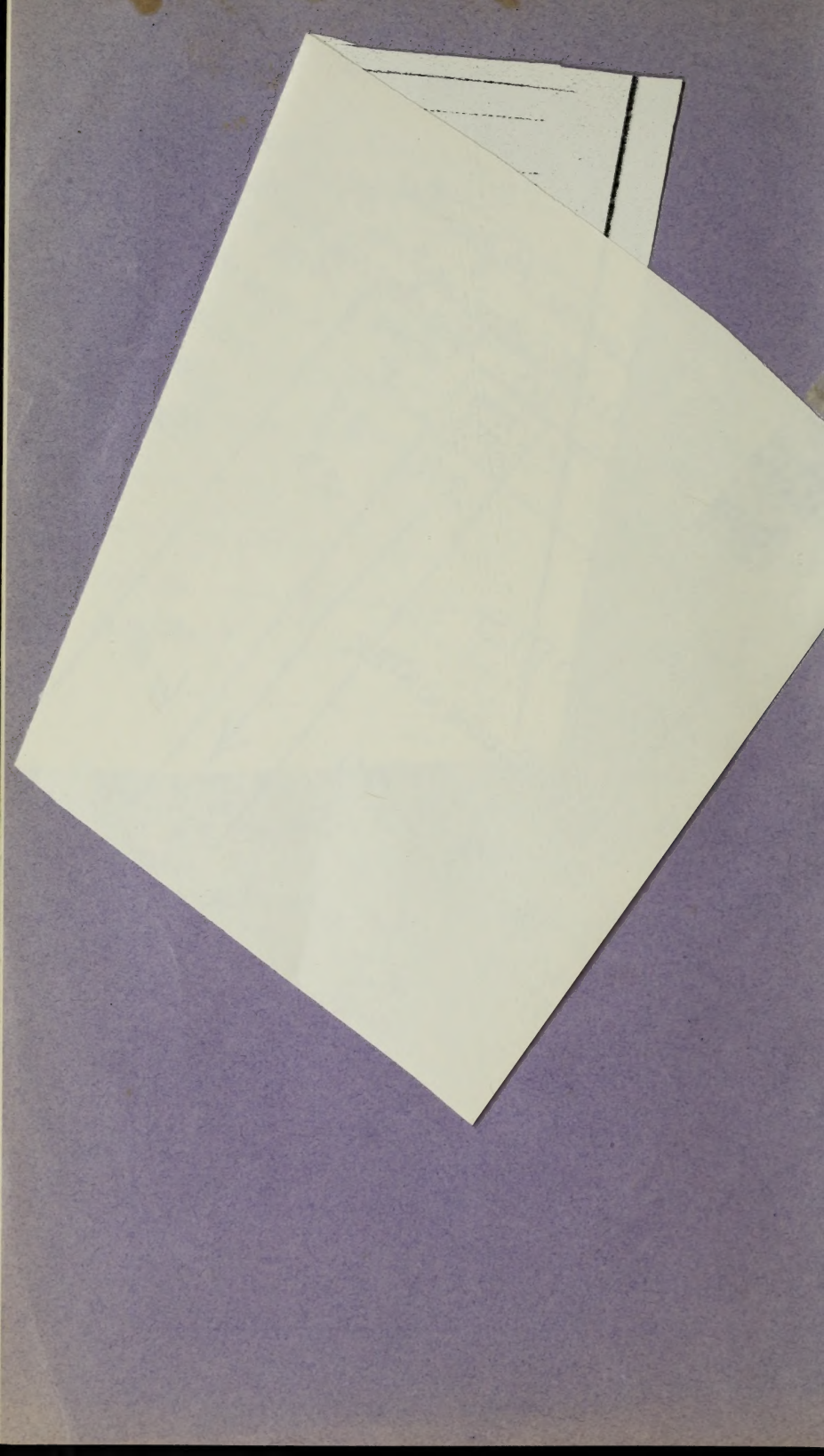
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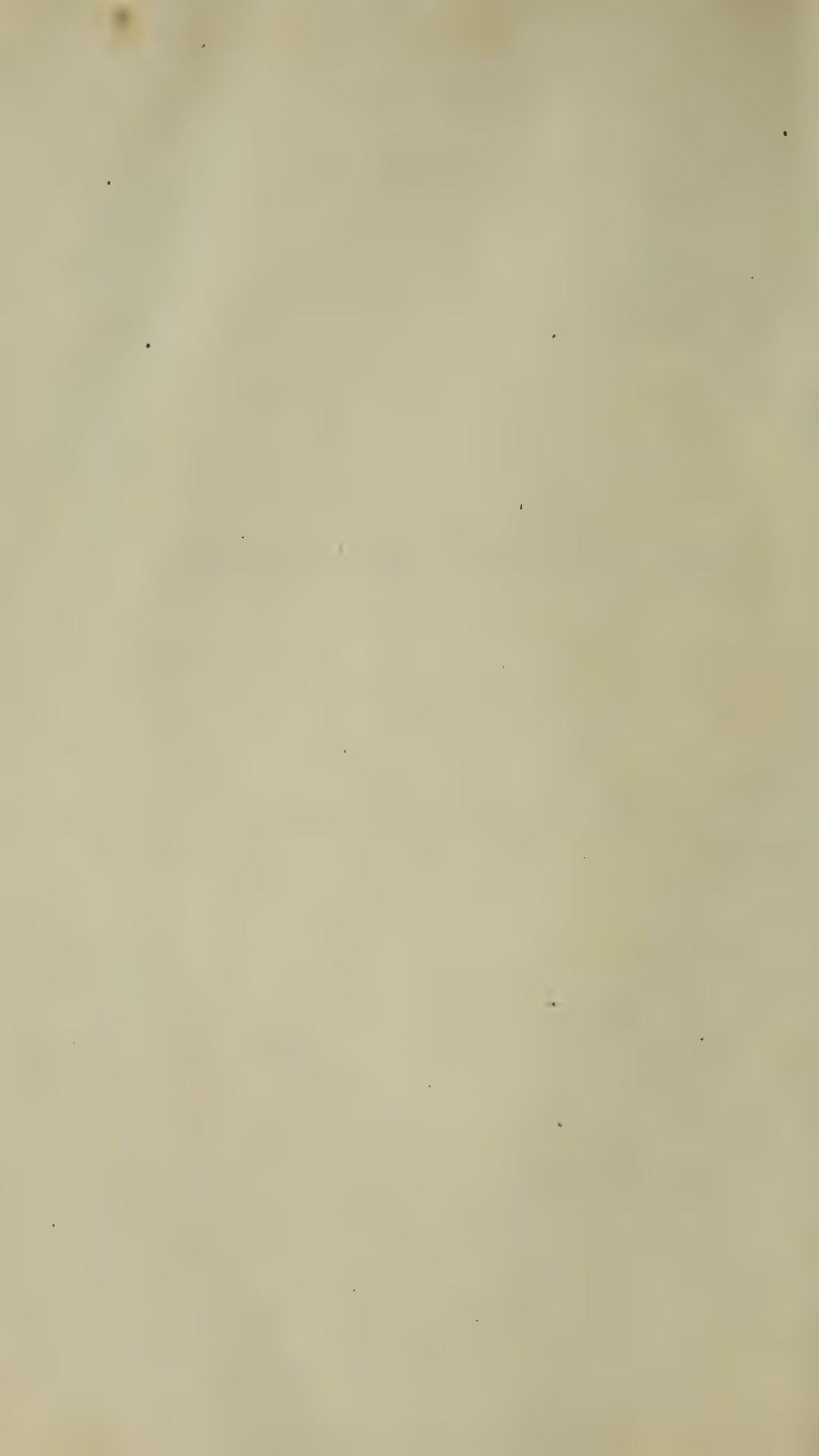
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WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING COMPANY,

No. 79 MILK STREET (CORNER OF FEDERAL),

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# REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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The following report of the financial condition of the town for the year ending Jan. 31, 1880, is respectfully submitted:—

## VALUATION,

*As assessed May 1, 1879.*

Value of real estate, . . . . .	\$699,791 00
of personal property, . . . . .	165,350 00
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> \$865,141 00
Number of polls, . . . . .	460
of dwelling-houses taxed, . . . . .	363
of acres of land “ . . . . .	9,734
of cows “ . . . . .	472
of horses “ . . . . .	297
of sheep “ . . . . .	1

## ASSESSMENTS.

State tax, . . . . .	\$260 00
County tax, . . . . .	1,114 60
Town grant, . . . . .	7,275 00
Overlayings, . . . . .	407 70
Amount assessed, . . . . .	<hr/> \$8,957 30

Rate tax, \$9.50 per \$1,000. Poll tax, \$1.60.

## APPROPRIATIONS.

For support of schools, . . . .	\$2,800 00
repairs of school property, . . . .	200 00
repairs roads and bridges, . . . .	2,500 00
support of poor, . . . .	700 00
incidental expenses, . . . .	300 00
public lectures, . . . .	100 00
monument, . . . .	300 00
old cemeteries, . . . .	75 00
town-farm repairs, . . . .	300 00

## TOWN PROPERTY.

Town-farm real estate, . . . .	\$4,000 00
“ personal property, . . . .	1,300 00
Nine school-houses, . . . .	11,700 00
Howard Library, . . . .	1,200 00

## INVENTORY OF TOWN FARM.

1 horse, . . . .	\$65 00
2 oxen, . . . .	160 00
6 cows, . . . .	240 00
1 yearling, . . . .	15 00
2 swine, . . . .	14 00
62 fowls, . . . .	37 20
1 ox-cart, . . . .	43 00
1 horse-cart, . . . .	42 00
1 express wagon, . . . .	20 00
2 light harnesses, . . . .	20 00
1 heavy harness, . . . .	15 00
1 robe and blanket, . . . .	4 00
Hay-cart and farming tools, . . . .	100 00

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*Amount carried forward, . . . .* \$775 20

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$775 20
33 bushels corn,	.	.	.	24 75
10 tons English hay,	.	.	.	190 00
3 tons meadow hay,	.	.	.	36 00
Bedding hay,	.	.	.	5 00
Meal and shorts,	.	.	.	3 00
2 bushels beans,	.	.	.	4 00
600 feet boards,	.	.	.	9 00
30 bushels potatoes,	.	.	.	22 75
150 lbs. pork,	.	.	.	15 00
60 lbs. lard,	.	.	.	6 00
Flour and groceries,	.	.	.	10 00
Beds and bedding,	.	.	.	60 00
Stoves and household furniture,	.	.	.	50 00
Manure,	.	.	.	120 00
5 lbs. butter,	.	.	.	1 25
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				\$1,331 95

#### RECEIPTS OF TOWN FARM.

Cash received for butter,	.	.	.	\$135 24
for milk,	.	.	.	37 64
for calves,	.	.	.	59 40
for hogs,	.	.	.	69 00
for pigs,	.	.	.	12 00
for eggs,	.	.	.	5 15
for straw,	.	.	.	22 64
for hay,	.	.	.	11 00
for rye,	.	.	.	10 98
for lard,	.	.	.	40
for work,	.	.	.	33 73
for potatoes and turnips,	.	.	.	16 38
for old iron,	.	.	.	2 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$415 56

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$415 56
Credit for work on highways,	.	.	.	100 40
repairs on buildings,	.	.	.	34 25
repairing hearse,	.	.	.	25 25
entertaining tramps,	.	.	.	78 50
going with hearse,	.	.	.	50 00
sawing lumber,	.	.	.	14 95
cash received from treasurer,	.	.	.	518 55
account stock February, 1880,	.	.	.	1,331 95
Total,	.	.	.	\$2,569 41

## TOWN-FARM EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid by warden, —

For groceries,	.	.	.	\$91 41
grain,	.	.	.	177 26
flour,	.	.	.	31 00
meat,	.	.	.	37 68
bread,	.	.	.	4 09
soap,	.	.	.	4 45
fish,	.	.	.	8 66
other provisions,	.	.	.	13 94
shoes and clothing,	.	.	.	23 73
household utensils,	.	.	.	3 35
labor,	.	.	.	107 94
fertilizer and plaster,	.	.	.	2 75
potatoes for seed,	.	.	.	6 50
blacksmithing,	.	.	.	20 35
farming tool,	.	.	.	7 50
use of stock,	.	.	.	4 50
garden and grass seed,	.	.	.	25 70
tobacco,	.	.	.	50

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*Amount carried forward,*      \$571 31



<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$571 31	
For medicine, . . .	4 00	
sawing lumber, . . .	14 95	
repairing hearse, . . .	25 25	
two pigs, . . .	13 00	
five calves, . . .	4 75	
repairs to house, . . .	34 25	
	<hr/>	\$667 51
Cash paid by selectmen, —		
For boot for oxen, . . .	\$60 00	
To J. C. Swan, doctor's bill,	2 00	
Jas. Howard, fertilizer,	10 00	
Gammon & Nutter, stoves,		
&c., . . .	11 10	
Cyrus Willis, care sick,	18 00	
Benj. Butler, . . .	518 55	
	<hr/>	619 65
Benj. Butler's salary, 2		
months, . . .	\$50 00	
Benj. Butler's salary, 10		
months, . . .	216 60	
Account stock, 1879, . . .	1,305 75	
	<hr/>	1,572 35
Total expenditures, . . .		\$2,859 51
Total receipts, . . .		2,569 41
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Total against town farm, . . .		\$290 10

## INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Michael Ryan, . . .	age, 32,	28 weeks.
Willard Ames, . . .	" 82,	44 "
Galen Howard, . . .	" 72,	6 "
Emma J. Morse, . . .	" 11,	2 "

Discharged, . . . . .	1
Average number for year, . . . . .	$1\frac{30}{52}$
Average cost per week, . . . . .	\$3 62
Number tramps, . . . . .	157

## EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF HOUSE.

For Mrs. Bowe, paid Eli Wheeler, . . .	\$6 40
Mrs. Reeves, paid Horace Bartlett, . .	1 50
Samuel Packard, paid J. C.	
Swan, . . . . .	\$6 00
Samuel Packard, paid J. C.	
Swan, . . . . .	12 00
Samuel Packard, paid Geo.	
R. Drake, . . . . .	1 68
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	19 68
James E. Eaton, paid New Bedford, . .	11 80
Jacob Talbot, paid Scituate, . . . . .	26 70
William A. Dean, paid J. Q. Hartwell, .	5 00
Hannah Lothrop, paid E. Bridgewater, .	52 00
Hannah Hervey, paid Taunton, . . . .	58 90
Joseph Talbot, paid Canton, . . . . .	\$12 00
" " " cash, . . . . .	2 50
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	14 50
Mrs. Zadock Perkins, paid Brockton, . .	6 00
H. D. James, paid Brockton, . . . . .	11 50
George Vining, paid J. C.	
Swan, . . . . .	\$26 00
Geo. Vining, paid Rebecca	
Burke, . . . . .	30 00
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	56 00
Cecil Morse, paid cash, . . . . .	5 00
E. S. Jacobs, paid J. C. Swan, . . . . .	7 00
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<i>Amount carried forward, . . . . .</i>	\$281 98

<i>Amount brought forward,</i> . . . .	\$281 98
For Charles E. Williams, paid J. C. Swan,	11 00
Timothy Fisher, paid Geo. R. Drake,	17 00
George Osburne, paid cash, . . .	5 00
books for poor children, . . . .	14 39
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	\$329 37

Received from Stockbridge, . . .	\$56 00
Received from Easton, . . . .	11 00
Due from Bridgewater, . . . .	7 00
Due from East Bridgewater, . . .	5 00
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	79 00

Cash paid poor out of house, . . .	\$250 37
Balance against almshouse, . . .	290 10

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\$540 47

Appropriation, . . . . .	700 00
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Balance, . . . . .	<hr/> \$178 92
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#### TOWN-FARM REPAIRS.

F. E. Howard, lumber, . . . .	\$13 50
W. H. Howard, carpenter work,	33 00
S. H. Howard, shingles, . . . .	2 25
O. R. Leonard, whitewashing, . .	14 20
F. W. Howard, carpenter work,	15 00
James S. Jones, painting and papering, . . . . .	43 40
E. O. Noyes, nails, &c., . . . .	13 55
Lucius Richmond, paint, paper, .	33 71

<i>Amount carried forward,</i> <hr/>	\$168 61
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<i>Amount brought forward,</i> . . . .	\$168 61
Paid by town-farm warden, for which we gave credit, —	
W. C. Howard, sawing lumber, \$14 95	
Lumber, nails, &c., . . . . 34 25	
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	49 20
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	\$217 81
Town appropriation, . . . . .	300 00
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Balance, . . . . .	\$82 19

Out of this appropriation, we have had new sills, new floor laid, and shingled the back part of main and porch part of house, painted and papered the inside of house, put in new sink and other improvements, whitewashed the outside of all the buildings, and have caused the warden to get out lumber off from farm to be used in raising the roof of barn.

We recommend the town to raise three hundred dollars to put the barn in good repair.

#### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Herring fishery at Bridgewater, . . . .	\$8 25
James Howard, postage, express, &c., . .	7 43
Printing reports, &c., . . . .	46 79
Timothy Dewyre, gravel, . . . .	44 82
James Howard, office rent, . . . .	15 00
Eli Wheeler, watching fire, . . . .	5 50
Samuel Bartlett, tolling bell, . . . .	3 00
Mrs. Caleb Howard, gravel, . . . .	8 75
Selectmen, stove, furniture, &c., . .	12 50
Mrs. J. Kingman, gravel, . . . .	15 50
Rent of town hall, . . . .	75 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i> . . . .	\$242 54



<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$242 54
Land damage, Matfield bridge,	.	.	.	7 50
County map,	.	.	.	12 00
Treasurer, postage, express, &c.,	.	.	.	3 12
Town clerk, " " "	.	.	.	5 30
Selectmen, " " "	.	.	.	5 68
Pope and Ryder, watching fire,	.	.	.	4 50
George Shaw, tolling bell,	.	.	.	2 50
J. E. Ryder, gravel,	.	.	.	18 10
Bridgewater tax, Willard Ames,	.	.	.	5 22
John L. Hayward, gravel,	.	.	.	17 00
Elihu Leonard, gravel,	.	.	.	2 37
Travelling expenses,	.	.	.	3 40
Interest on notes,	.	.	.	27 00
Macomber trial, —				
White & Sumner,	.	.	\$203 30	
Witness fees,	.	.	144 80	
Referees,	.	.	59 00	
Travelling expenses,	.	.	8 00	
			<hr/>	415 10
Winsor case, —				
White & Sumner,	.	.	\$25 00	
" " "	.	.	56 00	
			<hr/>	81 00
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				\$852 33
Gave town farm credit, —				
Repairing hearse,	.	.	\$25 25	
Going with hearse,	.	.	50 00	
Tramps,	.	.	78 50	
			<hr/>	153 75
Abatements on taxes,	.	.	\$201 72	
Discount on taxes,	.	.	538 10	
			<hr/>	739 82
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				\$1,745 90

## COST OF SCHOOLS.

Remaining in treasury Feb. 1, 1879, . . .	\$2,627 28
Appropriation, . . . . .	2,800 00
East Bridgewater tuition, . . . . .	9 21
Massachusetts State school fund, . . .	232 09
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	\$5,668 58
Cost of schools, . . . . .	3,034 96
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Remainder of appropriation, . . .	\$2,633 62

## REPAIRS.

Paid out for repairs, . . . . .	\$283 29
Remainder in treasury, 1879, . . . \$4 29	
Appropriation, . . . . . 200 00	
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	204 29
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Overdrawn, . . . . .	\$79 00

## TOWN OFFICERS.

James Howard, selectman, assessor, &c., .	\$49 00
Henry W. Leach, selectman, assessor, &c.,	15 00
Henry Copeland, selectman, assessor, &c.,	125 00
J. Q. Hartwell, selectman, assessor, &c., .	123 00
S. H. Howard, selectman, assessor, &c., .	21 00
James Howard, town clerk, . . . . .	63 20
George M. Pratt, town treasurer, . . .	150 00
David H. Montgomery, supt. schools, . .	87 29
Albert Copeland, secretary school com- mittee, . . . . .	9 00
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<i>Amount carried forward, . . . . .</i>	\$642 49

<i>Amount brought forward,</i> . . . . .	\$642 49
W. H. Jennings, moderator school committee, . . . . .	5 50
Lucius Dunbar, school committee, . . . . .	3 00
Abiel Washburn, school committee, . . . . .	3 00
Clinton P. Howard, school committee, . . . . .	90
William A. Linehan, school committee, . . . . .	75
Eli Wheeler, constable, . . . . .	18 00
Charles E. Simmons, constable, . . . . .	2 00
William A. Linehan, constable, . . . . .	75
Amount paid, . . . . .	<u>\$676 39</u>

## SURVEYORS' ACCOUNTS.

### DISTRICT No. 1.

Balance in treasury, . . . . .	\$182 96	
Appropriation, . . . . .	400 00	
	<u></u>	\$582 96
M. A. Ripley, . . . . .	\$34 28	
Horatio Howard, . . . . .	145 21	
Galen Conant, . . . . .	16 20	
James Howard, . . . . .	133 65	
George M. Pratt, . . . . .	9 95	
E. T. Snell, . . . . .	30 60	
Thomas Snell, . . . . .	11 00	
Horace Bartlett, . . . . .	140 44	
	<u></u>	521 33
Due, . . . . .		<u>\$61 63</u>

Horace Bartlett, *Surveyor.*

## DISTRICT No. 2.

Balance in treasury, . . .	\$136 29	
Appropriation, 1879, . . .	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$386 29
L. A. Flagg, . . .	\$102 42	
S. A. Howard, . . .	13 00	
Cyrus Alger, . . .	83 87	
Farm credit, . . .	21 40	
	<hr/>	220 69
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Due, . . . . .		\$65 60

Loring A. Flagg, *Surveyor*.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

Balance in treasury, . . .	\$45 51	
Appropriation, . . .	325 00	
	<hr/>	\$370 51
Luther Richards, . . .	\$12 60	
Erland Thayer, . . .	38 77	
W. B. Ames, . . .	7 75	
Horatio Howard, . . .	79 33	
Joseph E. Ryder, . . .	151 31	
Charles Thayer, . . .	18 48	
Joshua T. Ryder, . . .	4 13	
Thomas J. Ames, . . .	9 00	
James McKananaw, . . .	28 13	
	<hr/>	349 50
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Due, . . . . .		\$21 01

J. E. Ryder, *Surveyor*.

## DISTRICT No. 4.

Balance in treasury, . . . .	\$36 78	
Appropriation, . . . .	400 00	
	<hr/>	\$436 78
Thomas Snell, . . . .	\$2 50	
Lucius Hayward, . . . .	11 69	
Thomas J. Ames, . . . .	81 45	
Pardon K. Bacon, . . . .	29 35	
Samuel G. Copeland, . . . .	103 00	
Pardon Copeland, . . . .	10 00	
Davis Copeland, . . . .	19 50	
Heman Copeland, . . . .	23 00	
Oli K. Ness, . . . .	4 50	
	<hr/>	284 99
Due, . . . . .		<hr/> \$151 79

Samuel G. Copeland, *Surveyor*.

## DISTRICT No. 5.

Balance in treasury, . . . .	\$81 75	
Appropriation, . . . .	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$281 75
Charles Atwell, . . . .	\$17 38	
Owen Conlon, . . . .	12 00	
William B. Ames, . . . .	185 80	
George L. Edson, . . . .	44 70	
P. Keenan, . . . .	71 40	
Dwelly Forbes, . . . .	6 30	
	<hr/>	337 58
Overdrawn, . . . . .		<hr/> \$55 83
Taken from selectmen, appropriation to balance this account, . . . .		\$55 83

George Edson, *Surveyor*.



## DISTRICT No. 6.

Balance in treasury,	.	.	\$105 00	
Appropriation,	.	.	225 00	
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				\$330 00
B. Dunbar,	.	.	.	\$129 76
Chas. E. Dunbar,	.	.	.	2 17
H. A. Alger,	.	.	.	8 32
Cyrus Alger,	.	.	.	34 15
H. W. Howard,	.	.	.	77 59
Levi Walker,	.	.	.	3 75
Geo. Howard,	.	.	.	3 75
C. Johnson,	.	.	.	1 50
Albert L. Alger,	.	.	.	60 58
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				321 57
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Due, .	.	.	.	\$8 43

B. Dunbar, *Surveyor*.

## DISTRICT No. 7.

Balance in treasury,	.	.	\$78 17	
Appropriation,	.	.	200 00	
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				\$287 17
J. Q. Hartwell,	.	.	.	\$22 60
L. E. Copeland,	.	.	.	201 85
Wm. Penfraese,	.	.	.	3 75
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				228 20
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Due, .	.	.	.	\$58 97

L. E. Copeland, *Surveyor*.

## SELECTMEN'S HIGHWAY APPROPRIATION.

Appropriation, . . . . .		\$500 00
Owen Conlon, . . . . .	\$6 50	
Jas. Copeland, . . . . .	27 68	
Edward W. Hayward, . . . . .	10 50	
Wm. B. Ames, . . . . .	8 25	
S. H. Howard, . . . . .	24 50	
J. Q. Hartwell, . . . . .	59 65	
James Howard, . . . . .	49 45	
Chas. Howard, . . . . .	11 35	
Wm. Penfraese, . . . . .	8 10	
Jonas Leonard, . . . . .	15 75	
Mark Pierce, . . . . .	90 00	
Patrick Keenan, . . . . .	10 00	
Elihu Leonard, . . . . .	5 99	
S. G. Copeland, . . . . .	37 45	
Town Farm, credit, . . . . .	79 00	
District No. 5, credit, . . . . .	55 83	
	<hr/>	\$500 00
Balance due Surveyors, . . . . .	\$768 68	
Appropriation, . . . . .	2,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,268 68
Amount used by Surveyors, . . . . .		2,783 86
		<hr/>
Due the several Surveyors, . . . . .		\$484 82

## TREASURY RECEIPTS.

Balance in February 1, 1879, . . . . .	\$3,099 16
Received from Easton, . . . . .	11 00
Mansfield, . . . . .	63 00
Stockbridge, . . . . .	56 00
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<i>Amount carried forward, . . . . .</i>	\$3,229 16

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$3,229 16
Corporation tax, balance,	.	.	.	40 93
Corporation tax,	.	.	.	394 25
Bank tax, balance,	.	.	.	5 57
Bank tax,	.	.	.	617 35
State aid,	.	.	.	661 35
Six per cent. on taxes,	.	.	.	113 32
Massachusetts school fund,	.	.	.	232 09
Dog tax,	.	.	.	199 86
Soldiers' monument,	.	.	.	83 55
Henry Copeland on note,	.	.	.	700 00
F. E. Howard on note,	.	.	.	300 00
Allen Snell on note,	.	.	.	200 00
J. B. Lincoln, taxes,	.	.	.	7 84
M. H. Packard, tax,	.	.	.	1 60
C. S. Ward, interest,	.	.	.	10 44
Howard Library,	.	.	.	8 00
Assessment of taxes,	.	.	.	8,957 30
James Conlon, tax,	.	.	.	1 66
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Total receipts,	.	.	.	\$15,764 27

## TREASURY DISBURSEMENTS.

State tax,	.	.	.	.	\$260 00
County tax,	.	.	.	.	1,014 60
F. E. Howard, note,	.	.	.	.	300 00
Allen Snell, note,	.	.	.	.	200 00
Henry Copeland, note,	.	.	.	.	700 00
Six per cent. on taxes,	.	.	.	.	538 10
Support of schools,	.	.	.	.	3,034 96
School repairs,	.	.	.	.	283 29
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*Amount carried forward,* . . . \$6,330 95

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	\$6,330 95
Town officers,	.	.	.	.	.	676 39
Town farm,	.	.	.	.	.	619 65
Poor out of house,	.	.	.	.	.	329 37
Town farm repairs,	.	.	.	.	.	168 61
Soldiers' monument,	.	.	.	.	.	300 00
Abatement of taxes,	.	.	.	.	.	201 72
State aid,	.	.	.	.	.	581 00
Military aid,	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
State poor,	.	.	.	.	.	26 72
Mansfield,	.	.	.	.	.	75 00
Howard Library, dog tax,	.	.	.	.	.	175 00
Plympton,	.	.	.	.	.	24 00
Howard lectures,	.	.	.	.	.	100 00
Incidentals,	.	.	.	.	.	852 33
Surveyors,	.	.	.	.	.	2,607 63
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						\$13,080 37
Balance in treasury February 1, 1880,						2,683 90
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						\$15,764 27

## State aid paid to following :

J. G. Gallagher,	.	.	.	\$72 00
Patrick Dorgan,	.	.	.	78 00
Francis W. Wood,	.	.	.	72 00
Chas. T. Morse,	.	.	.	54 00
John A. Freese,	.	.	.	36 00
Wm. H. Jennings,	.	.	.	4 50
James S. Card,	.	.	.	4 50
Mary E. Howard,	.	.	.	48 00
Mary E. Kingman,	.	.	.	48 00

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*Amount carried forward,* . \$417 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$417 00	
Salome Stetson,	.	.	.	48 00	
Mary J. Reeves,	.	.	.	48 00	
Lucinda S. Lothrop,	.	.	.	48 00	
Julia A. Sargent,	.	.	.	8 00	
Hannah R. Stanley,	.	.	.	8 00	
H. S. Bouldry,	.	.	.	4 00	
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					\$581 00

## MILITARY AID.

Timothy W. Fisher,	.	.	.	.	12 00	
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						\$593 00

## CONDITION OF TREASURY.

Cash,	.	.	.	.	\$1,583 90	
Uncollected taxes,	.	.	.	.	1,100 00	
Due from State,	.	.	.	.	749 78	
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						\$3,433 68
Bridgewater,	.	.	.	.	7 00	
Mansfield,	.	.	.	.	12 00	
Plympton,	.	.	.	.	24 00	
East Bridgewater,	.	.	.	.	5 00	
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Assets of Town,	.	.	.	.	\$3,481 68	
Appropriations not drawn,	.	.	.	.	3,275 63	
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In favor of Town,	.	.	.	.	\$206 05	

The town has paid, in defence of the Macomber case, \$415.10, and the Winsor bill of \$81, for which there was no appropriation made, which accounts for the falling off in the condition of the treasury.



There has been no money drawn from the appropriation for old cemeteries.

A request having been made to the Selectmen for an article to be put into town meeting warrant, to raise \$500 to curb and fix around the Soldiers' Monument, we make the following statement:

There has been paid into the town treasury \$83.55, which was raised by subscription for dedicating the Soldiers' Monument, which was not used. The Treasurer of the Soldiers' Monument reports that he has \$147.03 subject to the call of the Monument Committee.

## LIST OF JURORS FOR 1880,

AS PREPARED BY SELECTMEN.

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Cyrus Alger.	Benjamin B. Howard.
Horace Bartlett.	Clinton P. Howard.
Charles W. Bacon.	Horace W. Howard.
Dennis Callahan.	Henry S. Keith.
Davis Copeland.	Warren R. Keith.
Edmond Copeland.	Henry W. Leach.
Samuel G. Copeland.	Cyrus Leonard.
Lucius Dunbar.	Aaron Millett.
Curtis Eddy.	Sylvester Rice.
Edward W. Hayward.	Clarkson W. Richards.
Jonas G. Hartwell.	Ebenezer Taylor.
James Howard.	Erland Thayer.
John L. Hayward.	Chas. E. Tisdale.

The Selectmen recommend that guide-boards be maintained at or near the following named places :—

Joshua T. Ryder's.	West of Almshouse.
Justin W. Richards'.	Edmond Geary's.
Joseph Kingman's.	Pardon Copeland's.
Lewis Ryder's.	North Centre School-house.
Pine Hill Cemetery.	Heman Copeland's.
Charles Howard's.	Nahum Leonard's.

J. Q. Hartwell's.	Dwelly Forbes'.
John Walker's, 2d.	Benjamin Howard's.
Molbry Ripley's.	Geo. Wilber's.
James Alger's Furnace.	John B. Holmes'.
Cyrus P. Brown's.	Geo. R. Drake's Store.
Joseph Alger's.	Centre Post-Office.
Barnabas Dunbar's.	Thomas Mackin's.
Stillman W. Hersey's.	Waldo Howard's.

The annual Town Meeting will be held Monday, the first day of March, next, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

HENRY COPELAND,  
JOSIAH Q. HARTWELL,  
SAMUEL H. HOWARD,

*Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.*

WEST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 1, 1880.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

*Marriages Recorded in West Bridgewater in 1879.*

- Feb. 9. Henry Dyer, of Weymouth, and Lizzie A. Dunbar, of West Bridgewater.
- March 8. Everett S. Vosmus and Hattie Pittsley, both of West Bridgewater.
16. Gilmore Lombard, of East Bridgewater, and Mary E. Ames, of West Bridgewater.
- April 28. Elbridge G. Howes, of Paxton, and Annie W. Gifford, of West Bridgewater.
- May 25. James C. Standish, of Dighton, and Edith Wheeler, of West Bridgewater.
- July 5. Oliver J. Horton and Lizzie G. Davison, both of West Bridgewater.
5. Channing F. Dunbar and Eva M. Keith, both of West Bridgewater.
20. Charles T. Williams, of Easton, and Charlotte A. Howard, of West Bridgewater.
- Aug. 9. Andrew J. Goss and Lizzie Murphy, both of West Bridgewater.
- Oct. 20. Charles H. Tinkham, of Minnesota, and Adeline L. Jennings, of West Bridgewater.
- Nov. 19. George M. Frye, of West Bridgewater, and Ermina Hersey, of Brockton.
19. Unite K. Leach and Maggie Penpraes, both of West Bridgewater.

- Nov. 25. George W. Dunbar, of West Bridgewater,  
and Susie E. Sprague, of East Bridgewater.
- Dec. 28. David W. Tinkham and Annie G. Higgins,  
both of West Bridgewater.

*Intentions of Marriages Recorded, of which no Return has  
been made of the Marriage.*

Charles L. McCann, of Brockton, and Margaret Geary, of  
West Bridgewater.

John Murdock, of West Bridgewater, and Alice P. Jenness,  
of Brockton.

Charles N. Levi, of Brockton, and Susan E. Alger, of  
West Bridgewater.

John Toomey, of Brockton, and Rose Linnehan, of West  
Bridgewater.

John W. Creeden, of Brockton, and Catharine Hassett, of  
West Bridgewater.



*Births Registered in West Bridgewater in 1879.*

Date of Birth.	NAME OF CHILD.	Sex.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
<b>1879.</b>			
Jan. 16,	Harry Porter Howard, .	Male, .	Hiram and Helen W. Howard.
Feb 11,	William Thomas Dean, .	" .	William A. and Mary E. Dean
15,	Benjamin Orlando Butler, .	" .	Benjamin and Calistia Butler.
March 1,	Margaret Jane Hayes, .	Female, .	John and Ellen Hayes.
5,	Minnie J. Clarke, .	" .	Luther H. and Abbie L. Clarke.
6,	George Bigney, .	Male, .	Stephen and Emma E. Bigney.
11,	Ida Mabel Hopkins, .	Female, .	George and Etta Hopkins.
26,	Minnie Ness, .	" .	Oli K. and Agnes Ness.
April 1,	Albert Harrington Johnson, .	Male, .	Merton C. and Emeline O. Johnson.
10,	Margaret Kent, .	Female, .	Philip and Margaret Kent.
May 13,	James Francis Hennessey, .	Male, .	James and Mariah H. Hennessey
15,	Harriet Frances Brown, .	Female, .	Henry T. and Eliza S. Brown.
June 1,	Edith Allerton Tower, .	" .	Lorenzo A. and Mary S. Tower.
29,	Willie Lawrence Alger, .	Male, .	Edmund L. and Sarah C. Alger.
July 15,	William Forest Churchill, .	" .	Rodney and Hannah G. Churchill
25,	Oliver George Horton, .	" .	Oliver J. and Elizabeth G. Horton.
31,	Ralph Staples Shaw, .	" .	Austin A. and Mary A. Shaw
Aug. 5,	William Arthur Linnehan, .	" .	William A. and Joanna Linnehan.
12,	Lillian Harriet Millett, .	Female, .	Herbert A. and Affie G. Millett.
18,	John Francis King, .	Male, .	Michael and Elizabeth King.
27,	Bridget Condrick, .	Female, .	James and Alice Condrick.
31,	Lizzie Armenia Kelley, .	" .	Theron M. and Josephine B. Kelley.
Sept. 15,	Belle Marshall, .	" .	Seba H. and Arabella Marshall.

*The following Births were not Registered when they occurred:*

Sept. 28,	Alice Mabel Holmes,	.	.	Female,	.	George H. and Emma W. Holmes.
Oct. 29,	Gertie F. Goss,	.	.	"	.	Andrew J. and Lizzie E. Goss.
Nov. 5,	Anna Belle Penpraes,	.	.	"	.	William and Catharine Penpraes.
<b>1876.</b>						
Sept. 9,	Florence G. Kelley,	.	.	Female,	.	Theron M. and Josephine B. Kelley.
Nov. 30,	Augustus J. Hennessey,	.	.	Male,	.	James and Mariah H. Hennessey.
<b>1877.</b>						
May 7,	Daniel Alex. Penpraes,	.	.	"	.	William and Catharine Penpraes.
<b>1878.</b>						
Feb. 24,	Olive Gurney Jackson,	.	.	Female,	.	Emerson G. and Flora E. Jackson.

## Deaths Registered in West Bridgewater in 1879.

Date.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE.			Place of Birth.	Disease, or Cause of Death.	Names of Parents.
		Yr.	M.	D.			
1879.							
Jan. 5,	Mary K. Bartlett, .	77	-	15	North Bridgewater, .	Congestion of lungs, .	Caleb and Zeruah Jackson.
8,	Daniel McAdams, .	90	2	12	Ireland, .	Old age, .	Michael and Alice McAdams.
13,	Nancy A. Fobes, .	63	11	17	Belfast, Me., .	Nervous debility and paralysis, . . .	James and Nancy Durham.
Feb. 21,	Nahum Leonard, .	91	3	20	Bridgewater, .	Old age, .	Sincon and Anna Leonard.
21,	Avery Fobes, .	41	1	23	West Bridgewater, .	Hemorrhage of lungs, .	Albert and Nancy A. Fobes.
25,	Willard G. Harlow, .	55	6	22	Sharon, . . .	Consumption and deformity, . . .	Nathan and — Harlow.
28,	Hannah G. Reed, .	67	5	20	East Bridgewater, .	Paralysis, . . .	Abel and Mary Barrell.
Mar. 17,	Bernard McManiman, .	38	4	-	Ireland, .	Killed on railroad, .	John and Celia McManiman.
24,	Alice R. Hall, .	32	-	-	West Bridgewater, .	Consumption, .	Lewis and Elizabeth Ryder.
Apr. 4,	Horace F. Vosmus, .	24	9	13	"	Phthisis pulmonis, .	Joseph and Cynthia A. Vosmus.
23,	Abigail Edgcomb, .	65	10	8	Boston, .	Typhoid pneumonia, .	Apollos and Mary Martin.
May 2,	Mary Ann Howard, .	63	3	15	West Bridgewater, .	Consumption, .	Wendall and Joanna Seaver.
8,	Nancy H. Burrell, .	74	2	4	"	No return, . . .	Alpheus and Sally Howard.
21,	Scwall Mitchell, .	75	-	-	Standish, Me., .	Apoplexy, . . .	Daniel and Lydia Mitchell.
24,	Annie E. Simmons, .	22	11	16	Raynham, .	Phthisis, . . .	Sylvanus and Paddy Makepeace.
June 29,	Alfred Linde, .	28	7	4	Sweden, . . .	Drowned, . . .	Gustave and Eliza J. Linde.
July 1,	Emma F. Beals, .	26	5	5	Nantucket, . .	Consumption of bowels, .	Benjamin and Emily Cathcart.
17,	Lavinia F. Snell, .	46	3	8	Gilmanton, N. H., .	Gastritis enteritis, .	David S. and Betsey Young.
Aug. 15,	Emma Louisa Turner, .	14	10	14	West Bridgewater, .	Consumption, .	Charles P. and Louisa Turner.
16,	Margaret Whalen, .	58	-	-	Ireland, . . .	Bilious fever and heart disease, . . .	-
21,	William T. Dean, .	-	6	12	West Bridgewater, .	Cholera infantum, .	William A. and Mary E. Dean.
Sept. 13,	George H. French, .	34	10	19	"	Epilepsy and Bright's disease, . . .	Jason M. and Lydia French.

Oct. 24,	Michael Flynn, .	55	-	Ireland, .	.	.	.	Hemoptysis, .	.	.	Bartholomew and Catharine Flynn.
Nov. 9,	Mary Carl, .	86	-	"	.	.	.	Old age, .	.	.	Stephen and ——— Ward.
9,	Rosanna Johnson, .	74	3	Belfast, Me., .	.	.	.	Chronic inflam. of liver, .	.	.	John and Mary Belle.
12,	Martin V. B. Dunbar, .	42	-	West Bridgewater, .	.	.	.	"	.	.	Francis and Matilda A. Dunbar.
20,	William Alger, .	71	4	"	.	.	.	Unknown, .	.	.	Ebenczer and Polly Alger.
Dec. 8,	John Madden, Jr., .	14	10	"	.	.	.	Typhoid fever, .	.	.	John and Ellen Madden.
27,	Eliza A. R. White, .	66	6	"	.	.	.	Apoplexy, .	.	.	Samuel and Anna Ryder.

JAMES HOWARD, *Town Clerk.*



## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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In accordance with custom and law, the School Committee submit their annual Report of the condition of the schools and school-property in town for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1880, as follows. Assuming that the report of the selectmen made Feb. 1st, 1879, as to the condition of the treasury, was correct, there was an unexpended balance of the appropriation for the support of schools, of . . . . . \$2,627 28

To which add the town grant of . . . . . 2,800 00

The dividend of the Mass. school fund, . . . . . 232 09

Also received of East Bridgewater for tuition, . . . . . 9 21

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Making a total, . . . . . \$5,668 58

Of which there has been paid for teachers'

wages, . . . . . \$2,682 25

Fuel, . . . . . 175 05

Incidentals, . . . . . 68 08

East Bridgewater for tuition, . . . . . 109 58

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Making a total of . . . . . \$3,034 96

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Balance remaining in the treasury, . . . . . \$2,633 62

According to the report of the selectmen, made Feb. 1st, 1879, there was an unexpended balance in the

treasury, of the appropriation for repairs and school-furnishings, of . . . . .	\$4 29
To which add the town grant of . . . . .	200 00
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Making a total of . . . . .	\$204 29
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There has been paid for repairs, . . . . .	\$241 31
“ “ “ “ “ furnishings, . . . . .	41 98
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Making a total, . . . . .	\$283 29
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Overdrawn the appropriation, . . . . .	\$79 00

The largest items for repairs have been the painting of the Centre Grammar School-house outside and inside, the painting of the Centre Primary outside, the painting of the East School-house outside, the fencing of the North School-house lot, and new heating apparatus for the Centre Grammar School-house. The Committee have expended as small a sum as could possibly be got along with, and very much less than the wants and safety of the school-property demanded. At the meeting of the Committee for organization, the Committee thought best to refer the subject of repairs to a sub-committee of two, to examine the school-property and report to the Board the needed repairs, and under the sanction of the Board to make the repairs. The Committee are of the opinion that this plan has worked to the advantage of the town, although the citizens of the town show, by their keeping the School Committee at its present unwieldy size, that they believe that there is safety in a multitude of counselors. For the ensuing year there are three school-houses need painting, and several of them need to be shingled. We also call the attention of the town to the lack of maps,

charts, and other apparatus for studying and illustrating the studies pursued in the schools. For the purpose of repairs on school property and school furnishings, we recommend the town to raise \$400.

During the past year, an attempt has been made, with success, to systemize and make uniform the studies pursued in the schools, by the use of a uniform list of textbooks.

We would call the attention of parents and guardians to the marked improvement and success of our schools the past year, and especially of those where the services of the same teacher have been secured for several consecutive terms, and urge the necessity of their hearty co-operation with the teachers and Committee in maintaining a proper degree of discipline in the schools,—as it is impossible for the best teachers to maintain proper government over their pupils when they are continually thwarted by home influence; and also to the absurd and demoralizing practice of removing pupils from the schools for the most whimsical and trivial reasons. There were in town, on the first of May last, 329 scholars; twelve attend school in East Bridgewater.

We recommend the town to raise the sum of \$3,000 for the support of schools.

It will be remembered that the town, at their last annual meeting, took from the schools the dividend accruing from the dog-tax and gave it to the public library, and did not add to the appropriation for schools a sum equal to what they took away; and although the sum now asked is a trifle in excess of what the appropriation of 1879 would have been, had the dog-tax remained in the school funds, yet we trust to the good sense and generosity of the voters in town to give the public schools a liberal and generous appropriation. The term of office to which

Messrs. Dunbar and Howard were elected expires with the present school year ; therefore there are two members to be elected, at the next meeting of the town, for the term of three years.

For a more extended and elaborate report of the work done in the schools, we refer you to the able report of the Superintendent of Schools to the School Committee, which accompanies this Report.

LUCIUS DUNBAR,  
WILLIAM H. JENNINGS,  
ALBERT COPELAND,  
CLINTON P. HOWARD,  
ABIEL WASHBURN,  
WILLIAM A. LINEHAN,

*School Committee.*

WEST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 1, 1880.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

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### *Gentlemen of the School Committee:*

Permit me to congratulate you on the progress of the past year. Health means volumes, but it can be expressed in a single word. To say then that our public schools are healthy, is the shortest, and, at the same time, the truest way of describing their work, influence, and aim.

An examination of the table of statistics will show at once the marked improvement which has taken place. The number of scholars is larger, the average attendance better, while the list of names of those who have been neither absent nor tardy has increased from sixty-nine to one hundred and fifteen,—or a clear gain of over sixty-six per cent. !

Truancy, of which there was formerly much complaint, is now comparatively rare, and measures recently taken encourage the belief that henceforward it will cause but little trouble.

A serious defect at present demanding attention, is the too frequent change of teachers in some districts. Undoubtedly rotation in office has its advantages, but to break up methods of instruction every few months, and to substitute different ones, has about the same effect on the progress and discipline of a school, that a constant succession of captains would on a ship's crew.

Your Superintendent has good reason to feel assured that the Committee are quite as anxious as himself to



remedy this evil. With the confidence therefore of their hearty support, he would recommend that hereafter no teacher be engaged for a less period than one year, and that in grades above the primary, those only be employed who, in addition to other qualifications, possess what is often worth most of all, ample experience.

But, while it is desirable to get and retain a corps of well-trained instructors, it is not expedient to keep textbooks which have ceased to be helps, and have become positive hindrances. Such was the case with the geography used throughout the town. It had long been evident that a new and fresh work ought to be introduced to take the place of the venerable, dilapidated atlases published from twelve to twenty years ago. To continue drilling classes in such a book was simply to fill their minds with a stock of misinformation which they must some day laboriously unlearn. The facts were fossils. The statistics accompanying them had also departed this life. On the map of the United States, Colorado was still described as a territory, nearly destitute of railroads and population; while Europe was represented, as it appeared a quarter of a century ago, with the German Empire left out, and the whole of Turkey and France left in!

In view of these deficiencies, the latest edition of Harper's Geography was adopted, and at the commencement of the winter term it was furnished at a low rate in exchange for the old books.

In connection with this, the occasion seemed favorable for trying the experiment of giving oral instruction to those children who were beginning the study. In accordance with such a plan, the teacher, instead of starting, as is usually the custom, with the form and dimensions of the globe, sets out with the familiar facts of home, by drawing on the blackboard the outlines of the town, which the

class copy, learning, at the same time, its size, the points of the compass, with the names and location of the surrounding towns. They next trace the course of the principal streams, from source to mouth, indicating the various mills and factories to which they furnish power. Having completed the physical features, the class lay down on the map the villages, roads, school-houses, railways, and post-offices, besides collecting and bringing to recitation whatever information they can readily obtain, in regard to the history of the place, its early settlement, growth, chief industries, number of farms, inhabitants, valuation, &c.

From the town they proceed to the study of the county, and from the county to the State, constructing their own maps at each stage of the work, thus learning the geography of the country, and eventually that of the world; not from lessons committed to memory, but from what they themselves are actually doing with chalk and pencil from day to day.

By following this method, not only do the pupils acquire facts more rapidly, but, what is of chief importance, they evince a real interest in the work.

For a similar reason, the attempt has been made to extend the principle of self-instruction to the study of grammar. Probably this, of all branches, has seemed to a majority of scholars utterly "weary, stale, flat, and unprofitable." The fault has been, not in the subject, but in the manner it has been treated. Language may be compared to a living tree; grammar, as commonly taught, to a dead stick. The problem was, how to effect such a radical reform that the pupil would see that the laws of speech spring from those of thought, and that a thorough knowledge of them is worth just as much as the acquisition of the elements of any natural science. The common-

sense method appeared to be to let each scholar discover these laws for himself, not by the forced study of arbitrary rules, but rather by encouraging him to express his own ideas in his own way, and then inviting the class to discuss the words used, their arrangement, and relation. Thus letters and brief compositions have been written, analyzed, and commented upon to the great advantage of all concerned, and especial credit is due to the teachers of the Centre, East, Cochesett, and North schools, for the energy and originality they have shown in their efforts to make the system a success.

Having devoted considerable space to the changes above described, it is now proper to say something in detail concerning the condition of the respective schools.

It will be seen that the attendance at the Centre Grammar has fallen off slightly from last year, owing to the withdrawal of several members, either to take up some occupation or to enter the Normal course. But any loss in numbers has been made good by the enhanced standard of scholarship of those remaining. In fact, it would not be easy to find a school where more commendable emulation exists, or where greater harmony prevails, in the relations of teacher and pupils. One needs only to hear a recitation in arithmetic or natural philosophy to be convinced that the foundation principle of the instruction given is sound and sure throughout.

In the Grammar department, at Cochesett, the progress has been less uniform than it would have been had it been practicable for the school to have been placed and kept under the direction of one competent person for the entire three terms. The Committee and Superintendent regret that such unity of management was unattainable. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, however, the school has not failed to perform a good deal of work that will bear close inspection, and under favorable circumstances it is pre-

pared to reap the advantages to which it is fairly entitled, by diligent application and orderly deportment.

In the three Primaries the march of improvement goes steadily forward, though the South and Cochesett districts have time, experience, and permanence on their side. Intelligence given, the qualities of patience, kindness, and firmness are certain to exert an attractive and winning influence on the minds of young children. It is a pleasure to be able to bear witness to their presence in these schools, and to their educating and uplifting power.

The South Intermediate continues to exhibit the same efficient management which has long characterized it. Years hence, when those now enrolled in its ranks shall have entered upon the practical work of life, many among them will then understand and appreciate the true worth of the habit of mental industry they are now acquiring.

At Jerusalem the small average attendance does not favor the methodical routine and drill which become imperative where the numbers are larger. The classes give the impression of a family rather than a school. As such a family they are gradually gaining, from term to term, under the faithful care of a teacher who is sure of possessing their affectionate respect, and who is doing all that can be done for the advancement of those under her charge.

At the North Centre the general character of the work accomplished merits the entire approval of the Committee, and the pupils in arithmetic and grammar have kept well up to the mark of proficiency previously established.

The East School shows an excellent record. It is in hands that can be trusted. Every recitation receives careful and conscientious attention, and if, in accordance with the wish of both parents and scholars, the present system of instruction can be continued, the results will praise themselves.



The North grows and prospers. Dullness, listlessness, and idleness get no admission here,—if they accidentally should they would not long remain. The school is bright and active. It has plenty to do, and does that plenty heartily.

Finally, while all our ten schools excel in individual points, all too have their peculiar difficulties to contend with. As no farmer, however skilful, can obtain equally abundant crops from unlike soils, so it is impossible for any amount of labor to succeed in developing and cultivating equally different orders of mind. The old parable of the Talents applies here. An appeal which, in one case, will stimulate a child to do "his level best," toward making his five acquirements ten, will sometimes seem to drive another to hide his one so effectually that neither he nor any one else can find it. Let every teacher accept this fact, and while endeavoring to do whatever earnestness and thought can, let them not be disappointed or disheartened if occasionally they fail to perceive any adequate result. It may come later, and when it does it may make amends for delay. But whether in particular instances it comes or not, it is none the less certain that our public schools are conferring ever-increasing benefits on each succeeding generation.

Franklin said that in order to be sure of his purse a man must empty it into his head.

By and by every community will see the practical wisdom of such investments. Meanwhile it is safe to say that the town which is most liberal in its appropriations for educational purposes, is that which is not only saving most now, but also that which is laying up most for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID H. MONTGOMERY,

*Superintendent of Schools.*



## ROLL OF HONOR.

This list contains the names of those pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy during an entire term, with the number of terms of perfect attendance opposite each name.

### COCHESETT GRAMMAR.

Cyrus W. Alger, . . . 1	Laura Shaw, . . . 1
Lilian Ames, . . . 2	Lucia Alger, . . . 1
Mary Ames, . . . 2	Josie Collins, . . . 2
Dora Dewyer, . . . 3	Steven Adams, . . . 2
Hattie Jennings, . . . 2	Helen Alger, . . . 1
May Jennings, . . . 3	George Alger, . . . 1
Blanche Jennings, . . . 2	Fred. Alger, . . . 1
Dora Tisdale, . . . 2	Harry Marshall, . . . 1
Mary Tisdale, . . . 1	George Perkins, . . . 1
Minnie Vosmus, . . . 2	

### COCHESETT PRIMARY.

Ethel Vosmus, . . . 2	Miron W. Baxter, . . . 2
Belle B. Alger, . . . 1	Ina L. Rice, . . . 2
Geneva Dewyer, . . . 2	May Ripley, . . . 1
Katie Dewyer, . . . 3	Jennie Ames, . . . 1
Hattie Dewyer, . . . 3	Iva Adams, . . . 1
Ethelbert Vosmus, . . . 2	Lionel Adams, . . . 1
Frank Dorgan, . . . 2	Alida Shaw, . . . 1
Fred. Vosmus, . . . 1	Celista Godfrey, . . . 1
Eddie Allen, . . . 2	John Dewyer, . . . 1
Ansel Alger, . . . 3	Charles Vosmus, . . . 1

## CENTRE GRAMMAR.

Frank Alger, . . . . 3	Lottie Logue, . . . . 1
George Logue, . . . . 3	Arthur Pratt, . . . . 1
Lester Ripley, . . . . 2	George Drake, . . . . 1
Frank O'Connor, . . . . 1	Irving Wheeler, . . . . 1
Clarence Atwell, . . . . 1	Fred. Tisdale, . . . . 1
Frank Fay, . . . . 2	Eliza Leonard, . . . . 1

## CENTRE PRIMARY.

Albert Connor, . . . . 2	Anna Billings, . . . . 1
Charles L. Reeves, . . . . 1	Bertha Leonard, . . . . 1
Ida Alger, . . . . 2	Ralph Fobes, . . . . 1
Evelyn Ripley, . . . . 2	Ellis Lacheur, . . . . 1
Henry Bartlett, . . . . 1	Charles Logue, . . . . 1
Charles Lothrop, . . . . 1	Howard Billings, . . . . 1
Bertie Packard, . . . . 1	

## SOUTH INTERMEDIATE.

Nellie Buttomer, . . . . 1	Nellie Cashion, . . . . 1
Mary Donovan, . . . . 1	Julia Connice, . . . . 3
Alice Dewyer, . . . . 1	Bartie Flynn, . . . . 1
Mary Flynn, . . . . 1	

## SOUTH PRIMARY.

Maggie Donovan, . . . . 1	Daniel Sullivan, . . . . 2
Daniel Flynn, . . . . 1	Johnny Cashman, . . . . 3
Mary Courtney, . . . . 1	Willie Luddy, . . . . 3
Edward Condric, . . . . 1	

## NORTH.

Mary C. Keith, . . . . 3	James C. Keith, . . . . 2
Hattie M. Turner, . . . . 2	S. Elliott Keith, . . . . 2
Nellie L. Millett, . . . . 2	G. Lester French, . . . . 2
Grace M. Perkins, . . . . 2	Frank L. Howard, . . . . 1
Ida L. Lyon, . . . . 1	Arthur G. Lyon, . . . . 1
Elijah A. Keith, . . . . 2	

## NORTH CENTRE.

Mabel S. Copeland, . . . . 3	Etta F. Clark, . . . . 1
Annie A. Copeland, . . . . 1	Mary Poole, . . . . 1
Maggie Shields, . . . . 1	Justin W. Hutchinson, . . 1
Arthur D. Copeland, . . . . 3	Charles E. Kenney, . . . . 1

## EAST.

Susie K. Washburn, . . . . 2	George Colwell, . . . . 3
Lillie W. Pratt, . . . . 2	Austin Pratt, . . . . 1
Florence F. Keene, . . . . 3	Alice Eddy, . . . . 2
Flora F. Keene, . . . . 3	Joseph Thayer, . . . . 2
Laura Keene, . . . . 3	Annie Barrell, . . . . 1

## JERUSALEM.

Etta Goss, . . . . 1	Alonzo Clark, . . . . 2
Laura Hartwell, . . . . 1	Kate M. Egan, . . . . 1
Aggie Linehan, . . . . 3	Jessie Sargent, . . . . 1
Fred. Fields, . . . . 2	James Howard, . . . . 1

Total, . . . . . 115

## SECTION OF AMENDED STATE LAW.

Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, shall annually cause such child to attend some public day-school in the city or town in which he resides, at least twenty weeks; which time shall be divided into two terms, each of ten consecutive weeks, so far as the arrangement of school-terms will allow; and for every neglect of such duty, the party offending shall forfeit, to the use of the public schools of such city or town, a sum not exceeding twenty dollars.

Table of Statistics.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.	Length of School in Months.	Wages of Teacher per Month.	Number of Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance.
<b>COCHESETT — Grammar Department.</b>					
Minnie I. Estes, . { Summer, . . .	2½	\$36	33	25	.76
John L. Gardner, . { Fall, . . .	2½	42	33	32	.97
George H. Hastings, . { Winter, . . .	3	42	33	29	.88
<b>COCHESETT — Primary Department.</b>					
Irene S. Wood, . { Summer, . . .	2½	\$34	43	35	.81
. { Fall, . . .	2½	34	45	36	.80
. { Winter, . . .	3	34	36	35	.97
<b>CENTRE GRAMMAR.</b>					
J. H. Washburn, . { Summer, . . .	2½	\$40	17	14	.82
. { Fall, . . .	2½	40	22	19	.90
. { Winter, . . .	3	40	23	19	.83
<b>CENTRE PRIMARY.</b>					
Mattie M. Allen, . { Summer, . . .	2½	\$30	28	24	.86
Lavinia Bowen, . { Fall, . . .	2½	32	34	26	.76
Lavinia Bowen, . { Winter, . . .	3	32	35	27	.81
<b>SOUTH INTERMEDIATE.</b>					
M. A. Dewyer, . { Summer, . . .	2½	\$34	25	21	.84
. { Fall, . . .	3	34	24	20	.83
. { Winter, . . .	2½	34	24	21	.87
<b>SOUTH PRIMARY.</b>					
W. A. Holmes, . { Summer, . . .	2½	\$34	31	28	.90
. { Fall, . . .	3	34	37	33	.89
. { Winter, . . .	2½	34	34	30	.88
<b>NORTH SCHOOL.</b>					
M. B. Wyman, . { Summer, . . .	2½	\$34	22	19	.86
. { Fall, . . .	2½	34	17	15	.88
. { Winter, . . .	3	34	21	18	.88
<b>NORTH CENTRE.</b>					
Alice Shepard, . { Summer, . . .	2½	\$34	21	17	.81
. { Fall, . . .	2½	34	26	22	.84
. { Winter, . . .	3	34	31	24	.77



*Table of Statistics—Continued.*

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.		Length of School in Months.	Wages of Teacher per Month.	Number of Pupils.	Average Attend- ance.	Percentage of At- tendance.
EAST.						
Cora F. Ellis,	Summer, . . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$36	31	28	.90
	Fall, . . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	36	33	30	.90
	Winter, . . .	3	36	35	29	.83
JERUSALEM.						
Jennie Bird,	Summer,* . . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$34	15	13	.87
	Fall, . . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	34	15	14	.93
	Winter, . . .	3	34	16	14	.87

\* Abbie A. Mills, 2 weeks.

## REPORT ON THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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The Directors of the Library herewith present their first annual Report.

At a meeting of citizens held in December, 1878, Mr. William H. Jennings stated that a native and resident of the town offered to contribute a sum of money, not exceeding \$500, for the establishment of a free, public, circulating library, provided that an equal amount be raised from any source previous to the first of April following.

Subsequently a letter was received from Mr. Francis E. Howard, the gentleman who had made the proposal, in which he added, that believing it to be of the highest importance that the library should be placed on a permanent foundation, in order that its privileges might be perpetuated ; therefore, the money offered by him was on condition that it should be expended for books to be held in trust by the town, never to be sold or otherwise disposed of, unless an amount equal to that given should be paid to the donor, his heirs, or estate.

Those interested in the matter immediately proceeded to choose a committee to canvass for subscriptions, and in the course of a few weeks the desired sum of \$500 was readily obtained.

At the regular annual meeting in March, 1879, the town voted to accept the proposed library, and to appropriate the dog-tax towards its support.

On motion, a board of eight Directors was appointed ;  
viz. :

Francis E. Howard,	Mrs. Edward Tisdale,
James Howard,	Mrs. Henry Copeland,
Curtis Eddy,	Elizabeth Kingman,
H. H. Beaman,*	David H. Montgomery,

who were empowered to select the books, and take such further action as might be necessary.

The list of works finally adopted by the Directors was prepared with great care, and with the view of giving representation, so far as practicable, to the best authors in all departments of sound literature.

The approximate percentage of each class, not including books given, is as follows : —

Fiction, . . . . .	20 per ct.
Juvenile Works, . . . . .	20 “
Travel, &c., . . . . .	15 “
Biography, . . . . .	15 “
Science, . . . . .	10 “
General Literature, . . . . .	9 “
History, . . . . .	5 “
Humorous Works, . . . . .	2 “
Poetry, . . . . .	2 “
Encyclopædias, &c., . . . . .	1 “
Art, . . . . .	1 “

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100 per ct.

Whole number of volumes purchased, . . . . .	736
Add donations, . . . . .	135
Total, Feb. 1, 1880, . . . . .	871

\* Declined serving.

The Directors, after much deliberation, concluded to locate the library in a room of the post-office building, as, on the whole, the most accessible, safe, and convenient place to be obtained. The collection of books was insured for three years, a classified catalogue prepared and published, and on the first Saturday in October last, the library, under the efficient charge of Miss Mary Perkins, was opened to the public. Since then, the average weekly circulation, not reckoning the first day, has been 215 volumes, giving a total during four months, of 3,961, or at the rate of over eleven thousand volumes per year! These figures need no comment. They show at a glance how heartily the advantages offered have been appreciated, and how important it is that the work so successfully begun should be carried forward in the same spirit.

Ten years hence, many of the children and youth of the town will have entered upon the active duties of life. To them the future of this community will be, in a great measure, intrusted. It is but reasonable to assume that the influences of the public library on their thought and character will be found to be equal to that of the public schools. Like them, it will act as an educator, making its power felt silently, but surely, on the side of intelligence, refinement, and moral principle. So doing, it must commend itself to all. It will deserve, and we believe it will not fail to receive, the cordial encouragement and support of every thoughtful citizen.

The following extract from the report of James Howard, Treasurer, will exhibit the present condition of the fund:—

Received from Francis E. Howard,	. . .	\$500 00
“ “ subscriptions, entertainments, &c.,		597 25
“ “ dog-tax, of 1878,	. . .	175 00
Sale of catalogue, fines, &c.,	. . .	17 00
Total receipts to Feb. 1, 1880,	. . .	<u>\$1,289 25</u>

Expended for fitting up of library room,	\$73 03
“ “ books — first bill,	699 12
“ “ “ second bill,	11 32
“ “ “ third “	27 12
“ “ “ fourth “	30 00
Insurance for three years,	8 00
Catalogues, cards, &c.,	35 75
Blank-books, oil, fuel, &c.,	5 48
Express and postage,	2 75
Librarian's services,	16 50
Library bulletins, &c.,	70
Additional furniture,	8 00
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Total expenditure to Feb. 1, 1880,	\$917 77
Balance in Treasury,	371 48
Unpaid subscriptions,	21 50

In conclusion, it is recommended that the town take action on the subjoined propositions offered by Francis E. Howard, and accepted by the Directors, at a meeting held January 6, 1880.

“That there may be a fair understanding between those persons who have contributed money for a public library, and the town authorities, and that the library may be placed on a firm and permanent basis, we, the committee chosen at the last annual town meeting, recommend:—

“1. That the town shall at their next March meeting, choose by ballot a board of six directors, three of whom shall be ladies, who shall serve for three years. But at the annual meeting in March next, this board shall be divided into three classes:— the first class shall consist of a lady and a gentleman who shall serve for one year; the second class of a lady and a gentleman who shall serve for two years; and the third class of a lady and a gentleman



who shall serve for three years. Afterwards, all elections shall be for three years, except to fill vacancies.

"2. The directors shall have entire control of all property belonging to, or connected with the library, shall purchase books when desirable, and appoint annually a librarian, who shall not be one of their number.

"3. When a vacancy occurs in the board of directors, by death, resignation, or otherwise, said directors shall, as soon as practicable, proceed to fill such vacancy, and the person chosen shall serve till the next annual meeting.

"4. It shall be the duty of the directors to cause a statement of the condition of the library to be published in the annual town report.

"5. The librarian shall receive such compensation for services, and shall discharge such duties, as the directors may deem expedient."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DAVID H. MONTGOMERY.

*For the Directors of the Library.*











*H. H. Smith*

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## TOWN OFFICERS.

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*Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,*

HENRY COPELAND, JOSIAH Q. HARTWELL, SAMUEL H. HOWARD.

*Town Clerk,*

JAMES HOWARD.

*Collector and Treasurer,*

GEORGE M. PRATT.

*School Committee,*

DAVID H. MONTGOMERY, Superintendent.

LUCIUS DUNBAR, Chairman.

ALBERT COPELAND, Secretary.

WILLIAM H. JENNINGS,

CLINTON P. HOWARD,

ABIAL WASHBURN, E,

WILLIAM A. LINEHAN.

*Highway Surveyors,*

Dist. No. 1—ELIHU LEONARD.

Dist. No. 4—BENJAMIN PERKINS.

Dist. No. 2—LOREN A. FLAGG.

Dist. No. 5—ELI WHEELER.

Dist. No. 3—JOHN L. HAYWARD.

Dist. No. 6—BARNABAS DUNBAR.

Dist. No. 7, LYMAN E. COPELAND.

*Library Committee,*

FRANCIS E. HOWARD, 3 years.

JAMES HOWARD, 2 years.

Mrs. M. K. CROSBY, 3 years.

Mrs. HENRY COPELAND, 2 years.

CHARLES R. PACKARD, 1 year.

Mrs. EDWARD TISDALE, 1 year.

*Constables,*

LUCIUS DUNBAR,

CHARLES H. SIMMONS,

WILLIAM A. LINEHAN.

*Auditors,*

HENRY WHITMAN,

GEORGE D. RYDER,

LOREN A. FLAGG.

# REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

## VALUATION OF THE TOWN, *As assessed May 1, 1880.*

Value of real estate, . . . . .	\$718,373 00
of personal property, . . . . .	215,109 00
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$933,482 00</u>

## ASSESSMENTS.

State tax, . . . . .	\$780 00
County tax, . . . . .	1,029 48
Town grant, . . . . .	7,850 00
Overlaying, . . . . .	<u>615 34</u>

Amount rendered Collector, . . . \$10,274 82  
Rate of tax, \$10.00 per \$1000. Poll tax, \$2.00.

## APPROPRIATIONS.

For support of schools, . . . . .	\$3,000 00
repairs on school property, . . . . .	400 00
repairs on roads and bridges, . . . . .	2,500 00
support of poor, . . . . .	700 00
incidental expenses, . . . . .	300 00
public lectures, . . . . .	100 00
soldiers' monument, . . . . .	500 00
town farm repairs, . . . . .	300 00
memorial services, . . . . .	<u>50 00</u>
Total, . . . . .	\$7,850 00



## AGGREGATE TABLE.

Money secured by mortgages, . . . . .	\$46,260 00
Money unsecured, . . . . .	50,000 00
Stocks out of state, . . . . .	19,874 00
Number of male polls, . . . . .	467
of female polls, . . . . .	3
of dwelling-houses taxed, . . . . .	350
of acres of land, . . . . .	9,745
of horses, . . . . .	294
of cows and bulls, . . . . .	625
of yoke oxen, . . . . .	20
dogs, . . . . .	116

## TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Farm real estate, . . . . .	\$4,000 00
"    personal property, . . . . .	1,600 00
Nine school-houses, . . . . .	11,700 00
Town library, . . . . .	2,500 00

## EXEMPTED PROPERTY.

Howard School, in hands of trustees—

Real estate, school-house lot, . . . . .	\$52,000 00
Money in bonds, scrip, &c. . . . .	60,000 00—112,000 00
A fund in hands of trustees, for literary purposes, . . . . .	2,000 00
Unitarian Society, real estate, . . . . .	5,700 00
"    "    a fund, . . . . .	20,000 00— 25,700 00
Methodist Society, real estate, &c., . . . . .	3,200 00
Baptist Society, real estate, &c., . . . . .	2,600 00

## STATE TAX.

*As reported to us by the Tax Commissioners.*

Due on corporation tax, . . . . .	\$455 83
Due on bank tax, . . . . .	823 97

Chap. 167, statutes of 1861, requires the Assessors of every city and town in the Commonwealth once in every five years, called "decade year," to survey and assess the city or town anew; to make out two Valuation Books, one to be sent to the Treasurer of the state, the other to be kept and used by the town. This we have done to the best of our knowledge and judgment. We found not much change in the valuation of the town as a whole, for the falling off in valuation in one place would counter-balance the improvement and growth in another. The Valuation Book was changed to quite an extent by the cutting off and the growth of woodland. In that part of the town near Campello we raised the valuation of all the land on the main street from the swamp to the Brockton line. The rest of the town on an average was valued high enough. It was a little difficult to determine the extent and valuation of that part of the town which lies between the swamp road and the railroad at Matfield, partly because it had been partially burnt over, but more because the plans made by Otis Copeland and others in 1831 of that part of the town had been lost. We may say here that the plans of the remainder of the town have come into our possession, (found among Caleb Howard's papers) and have been of great help and value to us. These plans have cost the town considerable time and money in years past, and it seems as if the town might furnish a place where these, and other valuable books and papers in town, might be safely kept.

HENRY COPELAND,	}	<i>Assessors.</i>
JOSIAH Q. HARTWELL,		
SAMUEL H. HOWARD,		

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

*Inventory of Almshouse, Feb. 1, 1881.*

2 oxen,	\$160 00
7 cows,	280 00
1 horse,	35 00
6 pigs,	75 00
65 fowls,	32 50
12 tons English hay,	300 00
6 tons meadow hay,	75 00
1½ tons rowen,	25 00
1 ton oats,	16 00
1 ton corn tops,	12 00
2 tip-carts,	84 00
2 hay carts,	33 00
1 express wagon,	35 00
3 harnesses,	38 00
Buffalo and robes,	4 00
Set of wheels,	6 00
Sled and drag,	5 00
Farming tools,	41 00
3 plows,	15 00
1 ox yoke,	4 00
Manure,	108 00
2½ M. shingles,	6 00
200 feet timber,	3 75
11 bushels corn,	9 00
4 bushels potatoes,	3 50
4 lbs. butter,	1 28
200 lbs. salt beef,	28 00

200 lbs. salt pork, . . . . .	\$20 00
140 lbs. hams, . . . . .	14 00
1 lb. rye, . . . . .	1 00
Hay seed, . . . . .	1 50
9 barrels apples, . . . . .	9 00
1 bushel beans, . . . . .	2 00
9 bushels turnips, . . . . .	3 50
2 bushels carrots, . . . . .	1 00
1 bushel salt, . . . . .	75
Soap, . . . . .	2 40
4 stoves, . . . . .	12 00
15 chairs, . . . . .	6 00
1 extension table, . . . . .	10 00
3 common tables, . . . . .	3 00
7 bedsteads, . . . . .	9 00
1 bureau, . . . . .	1 00
Crockery and tin ware, . . . . .	25 75
Wooden ware, . . . . .	5 50
Bedding, . . . . .	65 75
Linens and towels, . . . . .	5 50
Stone ware, . . . . .	4 25
Knives and forks, . . . . .	1 50
Glass ware, . . . . .	2 75
Churn, butter box and stamp, . . . . .	10 55
Clothes wringer, . . . . .	6 00
1 barrel flour, . . . . .	9 00
60 lbs. lard, . . . . .	7 00
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	\$1,674 73

## RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

Benjamin Butler, as Warden from February to April, 1880, received for produce sold, . . . .	\$4 75
Esek T. Ellis, as Warden from April, 1880, to Feb- ruary, 1881—	
Received for wood sold, . . . .	\$5 00
eggs, . . . .	9 14
poultry, . . . .	1 65
calves, . . . .	16 75
524 lbs. butter, . . . .	167 77
milk, . . . .	13 81
lard, . . . .	3 52
English hay, . . . .	32 45
green peas, . . . .	26 12
pigs, . . . .	12 00
oxen work, . . . .	23 00
work on highway, . . . .	52 30
work on old cemetery, . . . .	5 00
horse letting, . . . .	3 75
attending with hearse, . . . .	25 00
entertaining tramps, . . . .	50 00
refunded bills, charged other accounts, . . . .	23 30
boarding H. P. Caswell, pauper, . . . .	27 50
boarding Peter Johnson, pauper, . . . .	22 50— 520 56
Benjamin Butler, received by Overseers' or- ders cash from treasury, . . . .	138 69
Esek T. Ellis, received by Overseers' orders cash from treasury, . . . .	653 41— 892 10
Inventory of Farm, Feb. 1, 1881, . . . .	1,674 74
Total receipts, . . . .	<u>\$8,092 14</u>



## EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Benjamin Butler, as Warden from February to  
April 1, 1880—

Paid for meat,	.	.	.	.	.	\$5 94	
groceries,	.	.	.	.	.	38 39	
clothing,	.	.	.	.	.	3 55	
furniture,	.	.	.	.	.	6 00	
fish,	.	.	.	.	.	98	
blacksmithing,	.	.	.	.	.	5 50	
household utensils,	.	.	.	.	.	3 20	
grain bills,	.	.	.	.	.	32 30	
labor hired,	.	.	.	.	.	4 35	100 11

Esek T. Ellis, as Warden from April 1, 1880, to  
Feb. 1, 1881—

Paid for meat,	.	.	.	.	.	\$134 45	
groceries,	.	.	.	.	.	412 72	
clothing,	.	.	.	.	.	108 24	
furniture and utensils,	.	.	.	.	.	71 58	
fish,	.	.	.	.	.	14 81	
labor hired,	.	.	.	.	.	53 90	
use stock,	.	.	.	.	.	6 00	
blacksmithing,	.	.	.	.	.	37 55	
grain bills,	.	.	.	.	.	226 39	1,065 64

Overseers of the Poor during year—

Paid for hay cart and plough,	.	.	.	.	.	23 75	
blankets, &c.,	.	.	.	.	.	6 75	
grocery bill,	.	.	.	.	.	40 24	
physician's bill,	.	.	.	.	.	22 50	
milch cow,	.	.	.	.	.	40 00	
Oscar Ellis, labor on farm,	.	.	.	.	.	100 00	
labor hired,	.	.	.	.	.	28 50	
Warden's use, cash order,	.	.	.	.	.	892 10	1,153 84

Benjamin Butler's salary, two months, . \$43 33

Esek T. Ellis, salary ten months, . 208 33

Inventory of stock, 1880, . . . 1,331 95—1,583 61

Total expenditures,	.	.	.	.	.	\$3,903 20
Total receipts,	.	.	.	.	.	3,092 14

Cost of supporting poor in almshouse,	.	.	.	.	.	\$811 06
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## INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Willard Ames, age 83,	. . . . .	52 weeks.
Galen Howard, age 73,	. . . . .	52 "
Michael Ryan, age 33,	. . . . .	52 "
Abbie Fadden, age 62,	. . . . .	10 "
Emma Morse, age 12,	. . . . .	50 "
Henry Packard, age 14,	. . . . .	37 "
Fred Packard, age 8, .	. . . . .	37 "
Esrom Morse, age 7, .	. . . . .	30 "
Mary A. Morse, age 4,	. . . . .	30 "
Henry P. Caswell, age 46,	. . . . .	8 "
Peter Johnson, age 58,	. . . . .	6 "
Discharged during year,	. . . . .	3
Average number for year,	. . . . .	7
Average cost per week for each,	. . . . .	\$2.34
Number of tramps,	. . . . .	100

## EXPENSE OF POOR OUT OF THE HOUSE.

Help to Samuel Packard, clothing, physician, &c,	\$76 50
Hannah Hervey, assisted by Taunton,	73 94
Cecil Morse, physician and care,	25 00
James Eaton, assisted by New Bedford,	37 65
Mary A. Perkins, lunatic hospital,	175 54
Sarah A. Eaton, lunatic hospital,	67 38
Joseph Morse, wood, &c., . . . . .	10 00
John Reeves, physician and care,	15 00
Jemima Howard, care and board,	31 50
Jonas Leonard, cash, . . . . .	6 00
Poor children, school books,	16 45
George Osborne, board, . . . . .	10 00
Timothy Mullins, groceries, wood, &c.,	7 00
Martha Cornwell, groceries, wood, &c.,	10 00
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Total amount paid out,	\$561 96
Received of East Bridgewater, for George Osborne, . . . . .	10 00
Due from Easton, for Timothy Mullins, .	7 00
Due from Bridgewater, for Martha Cornwall,	10 00— 27 00
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Total cost of poor out of almshouse, . . . .	\$534 96

## STATEMENT.

Cost of supporting poor out of house, . . .	\$534 96
Cost of supporting poor in house, . . .	811 06
Total cost of poor for the year, . . .	<u>\$1,345 02</u>
Appropriation of town for 1880, . . .	700 00
Cost more than appropriated, . . .	<u>\$645 02</u>

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid William C. Howard, sawing lumber, . . .	\$52 86
Samuel H. Howard, shingles, &c., . . .	5 50
O. R. Leonard, whitewashing, . . .	26 40
Samuel L. Ryder, carpenter work, . . .	150 31
Oakes S. Soule, lumber, . . .	75 29
O. Ames & Sons, sawing boards, . . .	4 15
E. O. Noyes, hardware, . . .	43 39
Lucius Richmond, oil, paint, &c., . . .	26 00
Linus E. Hayward, stone work, . . .	2 00
A. C. Thompson, sawing, . . .	1 45
Blacksmithing and labor, . . .	7 25
Total paid, . . .	<u>\$394 61</u>
Balance appropriation, 1879, . . .	82 19
Appropriation for 1880, . . .	300 00— 382 19
Overdrawn, . . .	<u>\$12 42</u>

At the commencing of this year, Feb. 1, 1880, there were but three inmates in the House. This number increased to eleven by the first of June. This large increase rendered it necessary for a large outlay in the House, which was in a very destitute condition. By the use of the repair money voted to us for the farm, we were enabled to put the House in very good condition by painting, papering, furnishing and thor-

oughly repairing. A new roof has been put on the barn, and the building shingled, repaired and whitewashed, making the town farm buildings in as good condition as could be desired. Some few farming utensils have been added to the farm, but if a few more, such as a mowing machine, horse rake, &c., could be added, it would be much better. The stock is in good condition. One cow has been added to the farm, and one been killed and salted down for the use of the inmates of the House. The Poor out of the Almshouse cost nearly double that of last year, the cause of which is the expense of the lunatic paupers at the Taunton Hospital. One of these has been discharged, but another has lately taken the place. With the many more than usual applications for help during the past month, together with the number of paupers in the House, it is apparent to us that the cost of the poor is likely to be as large next year as this. We accordingly recommend that the town appropriate the Bank and Corporation Tax, \$1300.00, which amounts to about the same the poor cost this year, for the support of the poor the coming year.

HENRY COPELAND,	} <i>Overseers</i>
JOSIAH Q. HARTWELL,	
SAMUEL H. HOWARD,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>the Poor.</i>

# REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

## SURVEYORS' ACCOUNTS.

### *District No. 1.*

Balance not drawn from treasury, 1879,	\$61 63	
Appropriation for 1880, . . . .	400 00—	\$461 63
Bills paid by approval of surveyor:—		
J. P. Gallagher, as per bill rendered,	\$3 00	
Horace Bartlett, “ “	53 25	
S. N. Howard, “ “	2 25	
Elihu Leonard, “ “	108 43	
Thomas Snell, “ “	39 15	
William Pool, “ “	60 00	
Thomas J. Ames, “ “	1 50	
James Howard, “ “	10 65	
Isaac Winship, “ “	3 00	
Jonas Leonard, “ “	15 00—	296 23
Balance unexpended, Feb. 1, 1881,		\$165 40
Elihu Leonard, <i>Surveyor.</i>		



*District No. 2.*

Balance not drawn from treasury, 1879,	\$165 60	
Appropriation for 1880, . . . .	250 00—	\$415 60
Bills paid by approval of surveyor:—		
Loren A. Flagg, as per bill rendered,	\$76 76	
Cyrus Alger, “ “	90 37	
Samuel H. Howard, “ “	7 00	
S. Nelson Howard, “ “	7 00	
William A. Cole, “ “	4 95	
Russell W. Morse, “ “	11 55	
Nathan J. Alger, “ “	47 80	
E. T. Ellis, “ “	7 00	
George A. Vosmus, “ “	3 45—	255 88
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Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1881,		\$159 72
Loren A. Flagg, <i>Surveyor</i> .		

*District No. 3.*

Balance not drawn from treasury, 1879,	\$33 61	
Appropriation for 1880, . . . .	325 00—	\$358 61
Bills paid by approval of surveyor:—		
Joseph E. Ryder, as per bill rendered,	\$2 10	
John L. Hayward, “ “	200 44	
C. C. Thayer, “ “	7 75—	210 29
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Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1881,		\$148 32
John L. Hayward, <i>Surveyor</i> .		

*District No. 4.*

Balance not drawn from treasury, 1879,	\$151 79	
Appropriation for 1880, . . . .	375 00—	\$526 79
Bills paid by approval of surveyor:—		
Thomas Snell, as per bill rendered,	\$16 47	
Thomas J. Ames, “ “	11 87	
O. K. Ness, “ “	4 00	
Davis Copeland, “ “	19 50	
James McAdams, “ “	130 65	
Sam'l G. Copeland, “ “	56 00	
Bradford Copeland, “ “	16 80	
Heman Copeland, “ “	20 00	
Thomas Fitzpatrick, “ “	10 50—	285 79
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1881,		\$241 00
Benjamin Perkins, <i>Surveyor</i> .		

*District No. 5.*

Appropriation for 1880, . . . .	\$200 00	
Allowed from selectmen, appropriation,	60 00—	\$260 00
Bills paid by approval of surveyor:—		
Eli Wheeler, as per bill rendered, . . . .	223 00	
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1881,		\$37 00
Eli Wheeler, <i>Surveyor</i> .		

*District No. 6.*

Balance not drawn from treasury, 1879,	\$8 43	
Appropriation for 1880, . . . .	225 00—	\$233 43
Bills paid by approval of surveyor:—		
Cyrus Alger, as per bill rendered,	\$24 30	
George Howard, “ “	9 05	
Albert L. Alger, “ “	19 35	
H. & Waldo Howard, “ “	12 76	
Barnabas Dunbar, “ “	61 77—	127 23
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1881,		\$106 20
Barnabas Dunbar, <i>Surveyor</i> .		

*District No. 7.*

Balance not drawn from treasury, 1879,	\$58 97	
Appropriation for 1880, . . . .	225 00—	\$283 97
Bills paid by approval of surveyor:—		
Lyman E. Copeland, per bill rendered,	\$151 80	
Timothy Linehan, “ “	20 63	
Josiah Q. Hartwell, “ “	24 75—	197 18
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Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1881,		\$86 79
Lyman E. Copeland, <i>Surveyor</i> .		

## SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATION.

Bills paid, as per bills rendered :—		
Eli Wheeler, . . . . .	\$3 00	
Patrick Kenan, . . . . .	1 25	
William O'Leary, . . . . .	10 00	
J. Q. Hartwell, . . . . .	25 75	
E. W. Hayward, . . . . .	12 75	
William Penfraese, . . . . .	30 00	
Molbry A. Ripley, . . . . .	6 00	
Samuel H. Howard, . . . . .	79 25	
Henry Copeland, . . . . .	25 00	
L. E. Hayward, . . . . .	23 00	
Esek T. Ellis, town farm, . . . .	39 35	
Erland Thayer, . . . . .	4 88	
Dist. No. 5, allowance, . . . . .	60 00—	320 23
Appropriation for 1880, . . . . .		\$500 00
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Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1881, . . .		\$119 77

## STATEMENT.

Amount due surveyors Feb. 1, 1880,	\$480 03	
Appropriation for highways for 1880,	2,500 00—	\$2,980 03
Amount used by surveyors, . . . .	1,595 60	
Highway special, . . . . .	320 23—	1,915 83
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Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1881,		\$1,064 20

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS.

*Receipts.*

Appropriation for 1880, . . . .	\$3,000 00	
State school fund, . . . .	232 09	
East Bridgewater, tuition, . . . .	10 31	—\$3,242 40

*Expenditures.*

G. H. Hastings, salary, Cochesett school, \$126 00	
John J. Rackliffe, " " 210 00	
Irene S. Wood, " " 272 00	
Care of house, . . . . 16 12	
Wood and housing same, . . . . 32 75—	656 87

Approved by Wm. H. Jennings, School Committee.

J. H. Washburne, salary Center School, \$120 00	
E. F. Leonard, " " 100 00	
Lavinia Bowen, " " 266 00	
Ralph Barker, " " 100 00	
Care of house, . . . . 16 47	
Wood and housing same, . . . . 43 50—	645 97

Approved by Lucius Dunbar, School Committee.

Jesse Bird, salary Jerusalem School, \$102 00	
Abbie A. Frawley, " " 170 00	
Care of house, . . . . 8 00	
Wood and housing same, . . . . 17 50—	297 50

Approved by Wm. A. Linehan, School Committee.

M. B. Wyman, salary North School, . \$272 00	
Care of house, . . . . 6 50	
Wood and housing same, . . . . 19 12—	297 62

Approved by Albert Copeland, School Committee.

Alice Shepard, salary North Center School, \$187 00	
R. H. Burr, " " " 76 50	
Care of house, . . . . 6 25	
Wood and housing same, . . . . 16 25—	286 00

Approved by Albert Copeland, School Committee.

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*Amount carried forward, . . . .* \$2,183 96

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>				\$2,183 96
Wealthy A. Holmes, salary South School,	\$272	00		
Mary A. Dewyre, " "	260	00		
Care of house, . . . . .	5	00		
Wood and housing same, . . . . .	33	00—	570	00
Approved by Clinton P. Howard, School Committee.				
Cora F. Ellis, salary East School, . . . . .	\$288	00		
Care of house, . . . . .	8	48		
Wood and housing same, . . . . .	13	50—	309	98
Approved by Abial Washburne, School Committee.				
				<hr/> \$3,063 94

## STATEMENT.

Beaver School, . . . . .				92 86
Salary school teachers, . . . . .	\$2,821	50		
Care of school-houses, . . . . .	66	82		
Wood and housing same, . . . . .	175	62—	3,063	94
Cost of schools, . . . . .			\$3,156	80
Receipts, . . . . .			3,242	40
Balance not used, . . . . .				<hr/> \$85 60

## SCHOOL REPAIRS.

Shaw & Rice, books, ink, &c., . . . . .	\$4	91		
Lucius Dunbar, globes, maps, books, &c.,	114	35		
Albert Copeland, painting school houses,	97	93		
“ “ repairing, . . . . .	6	51		
L. E. Hayward, repairing, &c., . . . . .	4	00		
George Wilbar, carpenter work, . . . . .	47	22		
W. J. Hayward, carpenter work, Jerusalem,	118	18		
Samuel L. Ryder, repairing, &c, . . . . .	4	04		
Davis Copeland, repairing, &c., . . . . .	5	00		
F. W. Howard, repairing, &c., . . . . .	2	50		
C. N. Levi, labor on well at Cochesett,	4	50		

*Amount carried forward,* . . . \$409 14

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	\$409 14	
Nathan J. Alger, well at Cochesett,		13 50	
Timothy Lincoln, " "		68 62	
W. H. Jennings and others, "		6 50	
Seba H. Marshall, stones for well.	.	4 50	
Peter Wales & Son, pump for well.	.	32 50	
C. C. Miller, mason work, . . .	.	4 00	
Clinton P. Howard, repairing, &c.,	.	50—	539 26
Appropriation for 1880, . . .	.	.	400 00
Overdrawn, . . . . .	.	.	<hr/> \$139 26

## OLD CEMETERIES.

Jane S. T. Howard, quit-claim deed,	.	\$15 00	
Edward W. Hayward, labor on yard,	.	9 00	
Thomas J. Ames, " "	.	17 00	
Linus E. Hayward, " "	.	28 60	
Esek T. Ellis, drawing logs,	.	5 00	
James Card, labor on yard, . . .	.	3 00	
Patrick Conly, " " . . .	.	4 50	
J. Q. Hartwell, labor on yard,	.	9 00—	91 10
Appropriation for 1880, . . .	.	75 00	
Received of J. Q. Hartwell, for wood, .	.	9 00—	84 00
Overdrawn, . . . . .	.	.	<hr/> \$7 10

Out of this appropriation the wood, brush and turf has been taken off from the Pine Hill and Cochesett yards, the head-stones righted, and the grounds left in good condition to be sown down to grass. In the Jerusalem yard the trees have been cut, wood sold and logs sawed into boards. It now remains to aright the head-stones, put a fence around the Jerusalem yard, and sow all the yards down to grass. For this purpose about fifty dollars will be necessary, in addition to the amount received for boards, which sum the committee ask the town to appropriate.

J. Q. HARTWELL,	}	<i>Committee on Old Cemeteries.</i>
FRANCIS E. HOWARD,		
PARDON COPELAND,		



## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

*Receipts.*

Balance in treasury, July 1, 1880, . . . .	\$2,683 90
Assessment of Taxes from Assessors, . . . .	10,274 82
Interest on Taxes overdue, . . . . .	107 85
F. E. Howard, by note, . . . . .	575 00
James Howard, " . . . . ,	200 00
Alton Snell, " . . . . .	435 00
Mark Dunbar, " . . . . .	250 00
Bank Redemption on discounted note, . . . .	589 75
Corporation Tax, . . . . .	455 83
Bank Tax, . . . . .	823 97
Military Aid, Chapter 252, . . . . .	121 06
State Aid, Chapter 301, . . . . .	556 00
State Paupers, . . . . .	22 50
Dog Tax, received from County, . . . . .	213 14
Easton, support of poor, . . . . .	26 00
Taunton, " . . . . .	27 50
Mansfield, " . . . . .	12 00
Plympton, " . . . . .	24 00
East Bridgewater, " . . . . .	15 00
East Bridgewater, tuition of scholars, . . . .	10 31
Mass. State School Fund, . . . . .	232 09
Joseph Vosmus, . . . . .	3 00
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	\$17,658 82

*Expenditures.*

State Tax, . . . . .	\$780 00
County Tax, . . . . .	1,029 48
Francis E. Howard, note and interest, . . . . .	589 38
Alton Snell, " " . . . . .	447 50
Mark Dunbar, " " . . . . .	251 25
James Howard, " " . . . . .	203 65
Bank of Redemption, discounted note, . . . . .	600 00
Support of Schools, . . . . .	3,156 80
School Repairs, . . . . .	539 26
Surveyors and Highway Special, . . . . .	1,855 83
Town Farm, . . . . .	1,203 84
Town Farm Repairs, . . . . .	394 61
Poor out of House, . . . . .	561 96
State Aid, Chapter 301, . . . . .	751 00
Military Aid, Chapter 252, . . . . .	92 00
Soldiers' Monument, . . . . .	650 00
Memorial Services, . . . . .	41 90
Howard Lectures, . . . . .	100 00
Old Cemeteries, . . . . .	82 10
Attending Hearse and Tramps, . . . . .	75 00
Town Library—Dog Tax, . . . . .	199 98
Corporation Tax, refunded, . . . . .	88
Incidental Expenses, . . . . .	360 28
Town Officers, . . . . .	827 84
Discount on Taxes, 6 per cent, . . . . .	606 97
Corrected Assessment, . . . . .	158 64
Abatement of Taxes, . . . . .	88 29
Balance in treasury, Feb. 1, 1881, . . . . .	2,010 38

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 \$17,658 82

 GEORGE M. PRATT, *Treasurer.*

## TRIAL BALANCE OF TOWN LEDGER.

DR.		CR.
<i>Paid Out.</i>		<i>Received.</i>
\$1,855 83	Surveyors Highway, special.	
3,156 80	Support of Schools.	
2,049 75	Bills Payable.	\$2,049 75
539 26	School Repairs.	
1,203 84	Town Farm.	
394 61	Town Farm Repairs.	
534 96	Poor out of House.	
751 00	State Aid.	556 00
92 00	Military Aid.	121 06
88	Corporation Tax.	455 83
	Bank Tax.	823 97
41 90	Memorial Services.	
100 00	Howard Lectures.	
82 10	Old Cemeteries.	
650 00	Monument.	
360 28	Incidental Expenses.	
827 84	Town Officers.	
	Mass. State School Fund.	232 09
199 98	Dox Tax—Library.	213 14
10 00	East Bridgewater.	
	Marshfield.	12 00
	Plympton.	24 00
	Taunton.	27 50
	State Pauper.	22 50
7 00	Easton.	26 00
10 00	Bridgewater.	
246 93	Abatement Taxes.	
	Assessment of Taxes.	10,274 82
780 00	State Tax.	
1,029 48	County Tax.	
	<i>Treasury Incidentals.</i>	
75 00	Attending Hearse and Tramps.	
42 03	Interest on Notes.	
606 97	Discount on Taxes.	107 85
	J. Vosmus, gravel.	3 00
2,010 38	Feb. 1, 1881 Cash Balance. Feb. 1, 1880	2,683 90
<u>\$17,658 82</u>		<u>\$17,658 82</u>

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Henry Copeland, selectman, assessor, &c., . . .	\$125 00
J. Q. Hartwell, selectman, assessor, &c., . . .	240 30
Samuel H. Howard, selectman, assessor, &c., . . .	79 00
James Howard, town clerk, . . . . .	32 60
George M. Pratt, town treasurer, . . . . .	150 00
David H. Montgomery, superintendent of schools,	136 69
Lucius Dunbar, school committee, . . . . .	12 75
Albert Copeland, " " . . . . .	22 25
William H. Jennings, " . . . .	12 00
William A. Linehan, " . . . .	2 50
Clinton P. Howard, " . . . .	2 00
Abial Washburne, " . . . .	1 50
Eli Wheeler, constable, . . . . .	8 50
Lucius Dunbar, " . . . . .	2 75
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	\$827 84

## INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Samuel D. Bartlett, tolling bell, . . . . .	\$2 00
George T. Shaw, " . . . .	4 00
Evan J. Evans, witness fee, . . . . .	3 00
Wright & Potter, printing reports, . . . . .	56 25
A. T. Jones & Co., printing, . . . . .	12 75
Daniel Perkins, office rent, . . . . .	18 00
Francis E. Howard, town hall rent, . . . . .	75 00
Charles E. Burke, highway damage, . . . . .	23 25
S. Nelson Howard, moving stones, . . . . .	40 00
Loren A. Flagg, highway damage, . . . . .	15 00
William C. Cole, " . . . .	10 05
Jarvis Burrell, printing tax blanks, . . . . .	8 50
Charles Atwell, gravel, . . . . .	90
E. T. Goward, " . . . .	6 24
J. Q. Hartwell, " . . . .	10 00

*Amount carried forward, . . . . .* \$284 94

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	\$284	94	
John L. Hayward, "	.	5	10	
Horatio Howard, "	.	2	00	
Mrs. C. Howard, "	.	11	32	
Jona. White, attorney's fees,	.	10	00	
Selectmen, travelling expenses,	.	30	43	
Selectmen, books, postage, &c.,	.	7	00	
Town Clerk, postage, paper, &c.,	.	2	35	
School Committee, postage, paper, &c.,	.	1	14	
Public lecture, travelling expenses,	.	6	00—	360 28
Appropriation for 1880,	.			\$300 00
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Overdrawn,	.			\$60 28

## STATE AID, CHAPTER 301.

James P. Gallagher,	.	\$66	00	
Francis W. Wood,	.	66	00	
Patrick Dorgan,	.	66	00	
Charles T. Morse,	.	49	50	
William H. Jennings,	.	49	50	
James S. Card,	.	57	00	
John Freese,	.	33	00	
Mary E. Howard,	.	44	00	
Mary E. Kingman,	.	44	00	
Salome Stetson,	.	44	00	
Lucinda S. Lothrop,	.	44	00	
Hannah R. Stanley,	.	44	00	
Julia A. Sargent,	.	44	00	
Harriet S. Bouldry,	.	44	00	
Mary J. Reeves,	.	44	00	
Amelia H. Gilmore,	.	12	00—	751 00

## MILITARY AID, CHAPTER 252.

Timothy W. Fisher,	.	\$44	00	
Paid for aid, January, 1880,	.	70	50—	114 50
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Due from state, Jan. 1, 1881,	.			\$865 50

## CONDITION OF TREASURY.

Cash on hand, . . . . .	\$960 38	
Uncollected taxes, . . . . .	1,050 00—	\$2,010 38
Due from State on last year's payments, . . . . .	70 50	
“ “ State Aid, Chap. 301, . . . . .	751 00	
“ “ Military Aid, Chap. 252, . . . . .	44 00—	865 50
Due from Bridgewater, . . . . .	10 00	
“ “ last year's account, . . . . .	7 00—	17 00
Due from Easton, . . . . .		7 00
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In favor of treasury, . . . . .		\$2,899 88

*Unexpended Appropriations.*

Surveyors of Highways,	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,064 20
Support of schools,	.	.	.	.	.	85 60
Memorial services,	.	.	.	.	.	8 10
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						\$1,157 90
Assets of the Town, 1880,	.	.	.	.	.	\$3,433 68
Assets of the Town, 1881,	.	.	.	.	.	2,899 88
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Decrease from last year,	.	.	.	.	.	\$533 80

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the accounts of the Town of West Bridgewater for the year ending Jan. 31, 1881, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and have found the same correctly cast and properly vouched for.

GEORGE D. RYDER, }  
 LOREN A. FLAGG, } *Auditors.*



LIST OF JURORS FOR 1881,  
*As prepared by the Selectmen.*

Cyrus Alger,	Charles T. Howard,
Horace Bartlett,	Benjamin B. Howard,
Charles W. Bacon,	Clinton P. Howard,
Dennis Callahan,	Horace W. Howard,
Davis Copeland,	Henry S. Keith,
Henry Copeland,	Cyrus Leonard,
Lucius Dunbar,	Foster Vosmus,
Curtis Eddy,	Josiah A. Perkins,
Edward W. Hayward,	Erland Thayer,
Linus E. Hayward,	William T. Ryder,
Jonas G. Hartwell,	Justin W. Richards,
James Howard,	Ebenezer Taylor,
John L. Hayward.	George D. Ryder.

GUIDE BOARDS.

The Selectmen recommend that guide boards be maintained at the following places :—

Joshua T. Ryder's.	Molbry Ripley's.
Justin W. Richards'.	James Alger's Furnace.
Joseph Kingman's.	Cyrus P. Brown's.
Lewis Ryder's.	Joseph Alger's.
Pine Hills Cemetery.	Barnabas Dunbar's.
Charles Howard.	Stillman W. Hersey's.
West of Almshouse.	Dwellely Forbes'.
Edmund Geary's.	Benjamin Howard's.
Pardon Copeland's.	George Wilbar's.
North Center Schoolhouse.	John B. Holmes'.
Heman Copeland's.	George R. Drake's Store.
Nahum Leonard's.	Center Post Office.
J. Q. Hartwell's.	Waldo Howard's.
John Walker's, 2d,	Gardner's Corner.

The highways are in very good condition, generally. The road to Cochesett Village we have straightened and built, and it is now left to be accepted by the Town. Main street, from Bridgewater to Brockton line, is in the worst condition. It may be well to say here that, owing to the increase of travel and the heavily loaded teams drawn over this street, the Town will soon be obliged to commence to widen, straighten and build it in a more thorough and substantial manner. "Larkin's Bridge" is in need of repair, and also will require to be straightened. The bridge on the Swamp road, near Raynham, we have newly timbered and planked, it having been in a very decayed condition.

It will be noticed in the accounts of Schools, that there has been a change by striking out the balance usually carried. In the old district system it was necessary to carry this balance, but as the schools are now managed under one head, (the School Committee) we, together with that Committee, thought it best to state it as it really is—that the Town raises for schools a certain amount, and pays out a certain amount.

It will be seen by looking at the condition of the treasury, that the town has run behind some \$500. This is owing to the increase of the poor in and out of the House, which cost some \$600 more than last year, and the overdrawing of the appropriations. This increase of the expenses of the town was partly foreseen by us last year, when we asked for larger appropriations; but the town, not knowing the reason why it was asked for, and it being difficult for us then to explain it, denied us the increase. The poor will have to be taken care of, the schools will be run, and the highways be repaired, and all these bills will be paid, whether the town appropriates anything or not. Would it not be much better for the town to appropriate a sufficient amount for the Assessors to assess, to pay the running expenses, and keep the town where it is now—out of debt, than to allow it to get in debt, and have to pay interest money?

We recommend the town to appropriate the Bank  
and Corporation Tax to defray the expenses of  
the Poor, . . . . . \$1,300 00

Support of Schools, . . . . . 3,000 00

Repairs of Highways and Bridges, . . . . . 2,500 00

Town Officers, . . . . . 700 00

Incidental and Contingent Money, . . . . . 500 00

The next annual Town meeting will be held on Monday, the  
seventh day of March next, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

HENRY COPELAND,  
JOSIAH Q. HARTWELL, } *Selectmen.*  
SAMUEL H. HOWARD, }

West Bridgewater, Feb. 1, 1331.

## TOWN WARRANT.

PLYMOUTH SS. To Lucius Dunbar, Constable of the Town of West Bridgewater, County of Plymouth, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of West Bridgewater, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, on the seventh day of March next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act upon the following articles:—

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee and other Officers and Committees.

3d. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

4th. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

5th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

6th. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, together with the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.

7th. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors, as made out by the Selectmen.

8th. (By petition.) To see what action the Town will take in regard to building a Town House.

9th. (By request.) To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to lay out, straighten and cause to be built the road leading from Pardon Copeland's past Charles Martin's to the Brockton line.

10th. To see if the Town will appropriate the Dog Tax for the use of the Library.

11th. To see if the Town will accept the laying out and building of the road near the schoolhouse in Cochesett, by the Selectmen.

12th. (By request.) To see what action the Town will take in regard to establishing a higher grade of schools.

13th. (By request.) To see whether the Town will, by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens the right to hold town offices and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.

14th. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the post offices and Town Hall in said town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with the doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this twenty-eighth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.

HENRY COPELAND,	} <i>Selectmen.</i>
JOSIAH Q. HARTWELL,	
SAMUEL H. HOWAND,	



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

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### *Marriages Recorded in West Bridgewater in 1880.*

- January 1. Nathan J. Alger, of West Bridgewater, and Sophronia A. Graves, of Greenfield.
- January 13. Oren E. Perkins, of West Bridgewater, and Mary L. Radley, of Taunton.
- January 28. Luther C. Turner and Emma F. Sargent, both of West Bridgewater.
- Feb'y 26. Lyman E. Copeland, of West Bridgewater, and Louisa F. Hartwell, of Brockton.
- April 8. George E. Newcomb, of Easton, and Anna M. Packard, of West Bridgewater.
- April 14. William H. Howard and Abbie M. Carr, both of West Bridgewater.
- May 12. Herbert W. Packard, of Brockton, and Clara W. Edson, of West Bridgewater.
- July 27. Levi P. Lincoln, of Hanson, and Florence Hersey, of Brockton.
- August 7. Sumner D. Keith and Ada A. Lothrop, both of West Bridgewater.
- August 31. George Silver and Clara Parker, both of West Bridgewater.
- Dec. 8. Harrie A. Copeland and Louisa F. Pittsley, both of West Bridgewater.



*Births recorded in West Bridgewater in 1880.*

Date of Birth.	NAME OF CHILD.	Sex.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1879.			
February 5.	Sarah E. McMenamen.	Female.	Bernard and Bridget McMenamen.
December 25.	Blanche Hall Pope.	"	George F. and Clara B. Pope.
1880.			
January 8.	George Arthur Green.	Male.	Henry L. and Alvira R. Green.
22.	Edith Baxter.	Female.	Elijah and Lydia F. Baxter.
February 2.	Thomas Lynch.	Male.	Daniel and Joanna A. Lynch.
March 13.	Edith L. Hopkins.	Female.	George G. and Etta R. Hopkins.
May 7.	George Henry Donohue.	Male.	Malachi and Alice Donohue.
June 4.	Thomas Miller Alger.	"	James O. and Carrie E. Alger.
28.	Edward Hagen.	"	Peter and Mary A. Hagen.
July 20.	Levis Hayward.	"	Frank and Ida J. Hayward.
August 23.	Susan Levi.	Female.	Charles N. and Susan Emily Levi.
29.	Celia D. Mitchell.	"	Henry G. and Endora M. Mitchell.
31.	Clara J. Pittsley.	"	Samuel H. and Sophia A. Pittsley.
September -	— Ames.	Male.	Frederic E. and Ida Ames.
3.	Wineford E. Deane.	Female.	William A. and Mary E. Deane.
October 26.	Herbert Wendall Alger.	Male.	Howard and Mary E. Alger.
8.	— Bruce.	"	Harrison L. and Ella S. Bruce.
25.	Warren A. Leonard.	"	Stephen H. and Georgianna I. Leonard.
December 23.	Ellen Crowley.	Female.	John and Mary Crowley.

*Deaths Registered in West Bridgewater in 1880.*

	Name of Deceased.	Age.		Place of Birth.	Disease.	Names of Parents.
		Y.	M. D.			
<b>1880.</b>						
Jan. 1	Samuel Ryder	77	8 16	Plymouth	Heart disease	Samuel and Anna Ryder
25	Martha Bridges	74	—	Maine	Disease of stomach	Daniel and Deborah Winship
Feb. 23	Edith Baxter	74	1 1	W. Bridgewater	Congestion of lungs	Elijah and Lydia F. Baxter
April 10	Lucy Howard	75	9 24	Kingston	Chronic hepatitis	Nathaniel and Abigail Foster
17	Betsey Edson	95	7 7	W. Bridgewater	Old age	Thomas and Hannah Howard
18	Mary L. Bullard	19	6 12	" "	Tubercular consumption	Joseph and Mary A. Bullard
26	Nathan Copeland	74	10 28	" "	Catarrh of lungs	Salmon and Elizabeth Copeland
May 7	Thomas Langley	60	—	Ireland	Bronchial pneumonia	Benjamin and Mary Langley
11	Matilda Perry	69	—	Harwich	Dropsy	— Eldredge
June 23	Pardon Keith	92	6 19	W. Bridgewater	Old age	Simeon and Mary C. Keith
July 1	Sarah S. Alger	67	3 27	Middleboro	Disease of liver	Luther and — Murdock
Aug. 3	Annabelle Penpræse	—	9 —	W. Bridgewater	Cholera infantum	Wm. and Catherine Penpræse
18	Mary Lynch	1	2 —	" "	" "	Patrick and Annabella Lynch
Sept. 13	Charles Ames	85	7 —	" "	Pneumonia	Abiel and Alice Ames
29	Anna Ryder	78	11 27	" "	" "	Joseph and Eunice Kingman
30	Amy Hartwell	88	6 19	" "	" "	Nathan and Susannah Howard
Oct. 13	Lizzie Ring	27	4 23	Boston	Old age	Thomas and Ann Branley
14	J. Miles Shields	26	7 26	W. Bridgewater	Consumption	Wm. and Margaret Shields
24	Mary A. Bullard	39	8 24	" "	Pulmonary consumption	Elam and Keziah Howard
Nov. 4	Hannah K. Leonard	84	10 8	" "	Catarrh of the lungs	Ephraim and Hannah Snell
10	Dennis Kelleher	61	—	Ireland	Accidental fall	John and Catharine Kelleher
28	Edward Hagen	51	5 —	Bridgewater	Measles	Peter and Mary A. Hagen
Dec. 7	Harriet A. Swan	51	— 8	Easton	Congestion of lungs	Hiram and Lurana Copeland
10	Minnie H. Hartwell	23	10 13	W. Bridgewater	Pulmonary consumption	Josiah Q. & Hannah O. Hartwell
21	Susan P. Frieze	69	8 16	Salem	Dropsy	John and Susy Porter
26	William Edward Reeves	2	—	W. Bridgewater	Malarial fever	John and Carrie L. Reeves

**JAMES HOWARD, Town Clerk.**

## REPORT ON THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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In conformity with the Regulations of the Public Library, adopted March 1st, 1880, the Directors herewith present their annual report.

In September last Mr. D. H. Montgomery resigned his position as one of the Directors, and at the quarterly meeting of the Directors in October, Charles R. Packard was appointed to fill the vacancy. Mrs. M. K. Crosby was appointed temporary substitute for Miss Elizabeth Kingman, who is visiting abroad.

During the year ending February 1st there has been added to the Library, by gift and purchase, 241 volumes, 133 of which were purchased at a cost of \$155.63. A few volumes have been re-bound; and the Librarian, Miss Mary L. Perkins, under whose efficient superintendence the Library is still managed, has found it necessary to re-cover the books which are most in circulation, quite frequently, averaging from twenty to forty weekly. The Library has been sustained in very good condition.

The weekly distribution of books from the Library during the year has averaged 162 volumes, and the number in constant circulation was from 300 to 400 volumes.

By a bequest of the late Nathan Copeland, Esq., the Treasurer of the Library received from the Executors of his estate, about the first of October last, one thousand dollars, which has been invested in a permanent fund, and is now paying five per cent interest per annum.

What a blessing it would be to our small town, and what an honor to themselves, if the leading citizens thereof, having the abundance, would imitate the *spirit* of the above bequest, and furnish some of the public conveniences the town so much needs.

The following exhibits the condition of the Library Fund  
January 31st, 1881:—

Balance in the treasury, Feb. 1, 1880, . . . .	\$371 48
Received for sale of catalogues, fines, &c., . . . .	30 77
“ dog fund of 1879, . . . . .	199 98
“ payments on snbscriptions, . . . . .	12 00
“ interest on notes, . . . . .	5 26
“ a bequest of . . . . .	1,000 00

Total receipts during the year, . . . . .	<u>\$1,619 49</u>
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Expended for books, . . . . .	\$155 63
“ binding books, . . . . .	2 40
“ paper for covering books, . . . . .	2 55
“ printing, . . . . .	5 25
“ express on books, &c., . . . . .	2 65
“ S. D. Bartlett, carpenter work, . . . . .	24 86
“ fixings for stove, &c., . . . . .	1 50
“ fuel and preparing same, . . . . .	3 00
“ kerosene and sundry other articles, . . . . .	2 78
“ one year's rent for room, . . . . .	9 00
“ librarian's salary, . . . . .	78 00
The treasurer holds securities for . . . . .	<u>1,075 00</u>

Total payments and securities, . . . . .	\$1,362 62
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Balance in treasury, Feb. 1, 1881, . . . . .	\$256 87
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The room rented for the Library proves to be very incommo-  
dious in size. On the days which the Library is opened, it is  
so crowded as to be inconvenient, uncomfortable and un-  
healthy. Some change or further accommodation should be  
provided before another cold season.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HOWARD,  
For the Directors of the Library.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The annual report of the School Committee of the Town of West Bridgewater for the school year of 1880-81, is hereby respectfully submitted.

### ORGANIZATION.

The membership of the Committee for the past year has been as follows :—

Abiel Washburn,	Albert Copeland,
	Terms expire in 1881.
William H. Jennings,	William A. Linehan,
	Terms expire in 1882.
Lucius Dunbar,	Clinton P. Howard,
	Terms expire in 1883.

The Board organized for the year by the choice of Lucius Dunbar as chairman, and Albert Copeland as secretary. The schools were assigned to the members of the Committee, as follows :—

North and North Center to Mr. Copeland.  
 East to Mr. Washburn.  
 South to Mr. Howard.  
 Center to Mr. Dunbar.  
 Cochesett to Mr. Jennings.  
 Jerusalem to Mr. Linehan.

The following sub-committees were also appointed :—On repairs, Messrs. Howard, Jennings and Copeland ; on examination of teachers, Messrs. Jennings and Copeland.

Rev. D. H. Montgomery was chosen Superintendent of the schools. August 28th Mr. Montgomery resigned his office, and the committee assigned the superintendence of the schools to sub-committees as follows :—the South and Center schools to Messrs. Howard and Dunbar ; Cochesett and Jerusalem to Messrs. Jennings and Linehan ; North, North Center and East



to Messrs. Copeland and Washburn. Before the winter terms commenced, the Committee elected Mr. George B. Stone as Superintendent for the remainder of the school year. After a service of about one-half the term, Mr. Stone left for the West, and the schools are again under the superintendence of the Committee.

#### CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS.

The South, Jerusalem, Cochesett, North and Center Primary schools have been under the care of the same teachers throughout the entire year; a state of things very much to be desired, but not always so easily accomplished. In the judgment of the Committee, all the schools have accomplished the usual amount of work, and made such progress as might have been reasonably expected. From various reasons they have failed of the best results; some from change of teachers, irregular attendance, and all of them from having too many classes. It is evident that we crowd upon the pupils in our schools too many studies at the same time, and thereby their minds are diverted from one to another, so that their progress and thoroughness is not what it should be. This cannot, perhaps, be wholly avoided at present, owing to our scattered population and the impossibility of properly grading our schools.

We would especially call your attention to a suggestion made in the report of our late Superintendent, as being worthy of your consideration. He suggests that we establish a school of higher grade at some central point, where the advanced scholars from all the schools may go and have nearer the advantages of a High school. The Committee coincide with the Superintendent in the opinion that such a school, properly conducted, would be of advantage not only to the advanced scholars in all the schools, but also to the other schools of the town.

We also call attention to the fact which must be apparent to all who will take the trouble to examine the list of visitors recorded in the registers of the several schools. It will be seen that a large majority of those who visit the schools are not



such as should be most interested in their welfare; and we again urge and invite all parents and patrons of the public schools to visit them often and become familiar with their work, and then you can judge and know for yourselves, directly and not indirectly, of the manner in which your money is expended. For a more extended yet partial report of the condition of the schools, we refer you to the report of our late Superintendent, which accompanies this report.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT.

Town grant, March, 1880, . . . . .	\$3,000 00	
Dividend of the Mass. School Fund, . . . . .	232 09	
Received of East Bridgewater, for tuition, . . . . .	10 31—	\$3,242 40
Paid for teachers' wages, . . . . .	2,821 50	
" fuel and preparing same, . . . . .	175 62	
" incidentals, . . . . .	66 82	
Paid East Bridgewater for tuition, . . . . .	92 86—	3,156 80
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Balance of appropriation remaining, . . . . .		\$85 60
Town grant for repairs and furnishings, . . . . .		\$400 00
Paid for repairs, . . . . .	\$259 90	
" school furnishings, . . . . .	119 26	
" well, pump, &c., at Cochesett, . . . . .	160 10—	539 26
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Overdrawn appropriation, . . . . .		\$139 26

#### CONDITION OF THE SCHOOL PROPERTY.

During the year the Jerusalem schoolhouse has been shingled, a new outside door and partly new sill in front, new blackboards have been provided, the house painted outside and inside, the ceiling whitened and walls tinted. The North house has been painted outside. The North Center house has been shingled one side, and painted outside. The Grammar house at the Center has been shingled one side. At Cochesett a well has been dug, and apparatus provided to use the water.

In making the estimate of the sum needed to repair and improve the school property the past year, your Committee were not aware that they would be under the necessity of providing a well, &c., at Cochesett; but as the season was one of great drouth, it became an imperative necessity. Accordingly, late in the season a well was dug, and the apparatus to use the water was provided. Had we not been compelled to make this outlay, there would have remained in the treasury a balance of \$20.84 of the grant for the repairs and furnishings.

For the next year there will be two of the schoolhouses to be painted outside. The North Center house will have to be new plastered, new blackboards, and should be new seated and painted inside. The house at Cochesett must be new shingled and provided with eaves troughs. The expenditure for school furnishings will be very light for the next year.

We recommend that the Town raise for repairs and furnishings, \$350. Also, that they raise for the support of schools the same as last year, viz.: \$3,000.

There was on the first day of May last 314 scholars in town, 9 of whom attended school in East Bridgewater. By referring to the report of the organization for the year, it will be seen that the terms of service to which Messrs. Copeland and Washburn were elected expire with the present school year. Therefore, at the next meeting of the Town there must be elected two members of the Board of School Committee for three years.

LUCIUS DUNBAR, *Chairman.*  
 ALBERT COPELAND, *Secretary.*  
 WILLIAM H. JENNINGS,  
 WILLIAM A. LINEHAN,  
 CLINTON P. HOWARD,  
 ABIEL WASHBURN,

*School Committee.*

West Bridgewater, Feb. 1st, 1881.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

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### TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:—

*Gentlemen*—The absence of the gentleman who has had the care of the schools during the greater part of the past year, and the brief period during which they have been in my charge, make an extended or minute account of their progress and their present condition, impossible. It is, indeed, only with the present term that my connection with them commenced. During this very short time I have given my attention to one study—Arithmetic. My first visits were devoted to finding the standing in this branch. For that purpose, I have given practical tests in all the schools, giving to the same grades of scholars in each the same, or nearly the same, examples. The result has shown rather a low standard of arithmetical knowledge in the schools generally. This may be accounted for in a great measure, doubtless, without questioning the thoroughness of the present teachers; though it is evident that in this branch the elementary teaching is in some respects defective. I observe considerable difference in the clearness with which teachers make their explanations and convey instructions, but still more in the power to fix and hold the attention of the pupils, and excite their enthusiasm. Words which come to inattentive ears make no impression. Scholars must be wide-awake and eager to understand, or little progress will be made. It is in the power to obtain this condition that the successful teacher is seen. My acquaintance with the schools is so limited, that I refrain from making any suggestion in regard to any particular school. There seems to be an excellent spirit among the teachers. All, without exception, seem conscientious, de-

voted to their work, and anxious to do the best they can for their schools.

The establishment of a higher grade of school at some central point is one of the most obvious needs of the school system of the town, and I find many are fully awake to this fact. Such a school would have an excellent effect on the present schools, and would give the needed advantages to those who now either leave the schools while yet their education is far limited, or who must go to schools in other places. This want is most severely felt in those districts where the schools are not graded, especially in the East and North Center. Until such a school is provided, it is but simple justice to those districts that those who are too far advanced to find suitable classes and facilities for instruction in their own schools should be accommodated at the Center Grammar school. The number of such scholars is so small at the present time that the Center Grammar would not be injured by their admission. The classes there are so small that some of them would, on the contrary, be benefitted by being made somewhat larger. If thought best, the youngest class in the school might remain a little longer in the Primary, though I do not think that now necessary.

I would recommend that the teachers be called together once a month for a couple of hours, to compare work, make suggestions, give and receive advice from each other and the Superintendent; and to do this, a shorter session might be held on some appointed day of each month.

Respectfully yours,

GEORGE B. STONE, *Supt. of Schools.*



## ROLL OF HONOR.

This list contains the names of those pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy during an entire term, with the number of terms of perfect attendance opposite each name:—

### COCHESETT GRAMMAR.

Louisa Alger, . . . . .	2	Bertie Vosmus, . . . . .	1
Mary Ames, . . . . .	1	Ethel Vosmus, . . . . .	2
Lillian Ames, . . . . .	1	Belle B. Alger, . . . . .	1
Florence M. Brown, . . . . .	2	Iva Adams, . . . . .	1
May E. Jennings, . . . . .	3	Allie Brown, . . . . .	1
A. Blanche Jennings, . . . . .	3	Archie M. Dick, . . . . .	2
Minnie F. Vosmus, . . . . .	1	Cyrus E. Alger, . . . . .	1
George A. Perkins, . . . . .	1	Fred J. Vosmus, . . . . .	1
Frank P. Dorgan, . . . . .	3		

### COCHESETT PRIMARY.

Alinda C. Shaw, . . . . .	1	Selista Godfrey, . . . . .	2
Ina L. Rice, . . . . .	2	May F. Ripley, . . . . .	1
Jennie P. Ames, . . . . .	1	Bessie Godfrey, . . . . .	1
L. May Pittsley, . . . . .	2	Mattie Godfrey, . . . . .	1
Clyde Ames, . . . . .	1	Charles A. Vosmus, . . . . .	2
Harry Alger, . . . . .	1	Cyrus Godfrey, . . . . .	2
Lionel Adams, . . . . .	2	Calvin Godfrey, . . . . .	2
John S. Pittsley, . . . . .	2	John Penpræse, . . . . .	1
Hattie Dewyre, . . . . .	1	Herbert Lothrop, . . . . .	1

## CENTER GRAMMAR.

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Fred Tisdale, . . . . 3	Mabel Bailey, . . . . 1
Frank O'Connor, . . . . 2	Nellie P. Averill, . . . . 1
Frank Fay, . . . . 3	Lottie Logue, . . . . 1
Frank Alger, . . . . 1	Annie Barrell, . . . . 1
Charles Lothrop, . . . . 2	Arthur W. Pratt, . . . . 1
Julia Wheeler, . . . . 1	Clarence Atwell, . . . . 1
George Logue, . . . . 2	Oscar Leonard, . . . . 1
Daniel Conlon, . . . . .	Eliza Leonard, . . . . .

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## CENTER PRIMARY.

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Ida Alger, . . . . 1	Henry Bartlett, . . . . 3
Eva Alger, . . . . 1	George Connors, . . . . 2
Helen Bartlett, . . . . 1	Charles Connors, . . . . 3
Anna Billings, . . . . 1	Ralph Fobes, . . . . 1
Eva Ripley, . . . . 1	Ellis Lacheur, . . . . 2
Fannie Pratt, . . . . 2	Minot Logue, . . . . 2
Edna Wilbar, . . . . 2	Ruth Bartlett, . . . . 1
Howard Billings, . . . . 1	Elton Bailey, . . . . 1

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## SOUTH INTERMEDIATE.

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Nellie Cashion, . . . . 1	Julia Connice, . . . . 1
James Keenan, . . . . 1	Jerry Reardon, . . . . 1
Wallace Bowe, . . . . 1	Alice Dewyre, . . . . 1

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## SOUTH PRIMARY.

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Mary Hennesey, . . . . 1	Willie Luddy, . . . . 3
Maggie Luddy, . . . . 1	Daniel Donovan, . . . . 1
Nellie Golding, . . . . 1	John Sullivan, . . . . 1
John Cashman, . . . . 1	

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## EAST.

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Lillie Pratt, . . . . 3	Florence Keene, . . . . 3
Alice Eddy, . . . . 3	Laura Keene, . . . . 3
Jennie Johnson, . . . . 2	George Ryder, . . . . 3
Flora Keene, . . . . 3	George Colwell, . . . . 3

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## NORTH.

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Arthur G. Lyon, . . . . 2	Mary C. Keith, . . . . 1
Aaron McDonald, . . . . 1	Hattie M. Turner, . . . . 2
Weston Hayward, . . . . 3	Grace M. Perkins, . . . . 3
Elmer C. Hayward, . . . . 2	S. Willie Turner, . . . . 1
S. Elliot Keith, . . . . 3	Lizzie M. Howard, . . . . 2
Etta L. Wilder, . . . . 2	Nellie L. Millett, . . . . 3
Sarah McAdams, . . . . 1	G. Lester French, . . . . 2
Alice McAdams, . . . . 1	Wallace McDonald, . . . . 1
James C. Keith, . . . . 1	

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## NORTH CENTER.

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Mabel N. Copeland, . . . . 2	Winnie Hiatt, . . . . 1
Lida W. Copeland, . . . . 1	Mary A. Cornwell, . . . . 1
Maggie E. Shields, . . . . 1	Arthur Copeland, . . . . 2
Grace F. Dunbar, . . . . 1	Harry P. Snow, . . . . 2
Nellie S. Hiatt, . . . . 1	Bertie C. Snow, . . . . 2

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## JERUSALEM.

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Jennie Deane, . . . . 2	Katie W. Egan, . . . . 1
Aggie W. Linehan, . . . . 1	Willie McCann, . . . . 1
Fred Field, . . . . 1	

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Total, 121. Of this number, fifty-four per cent have been perfect in attendance for one term, twenty-six per cent for two terms, and twenty per cent for three terms.

Table of Statistics.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.		Length of School in months.	Wages of Teachers per month.	Number of Pupils.	Average Attend- ance.	Percentage of At- tendance.
COCHESETT GRAMMAR.						
John J. Rackliffe,	{ Summer,	2½	\$40	32	30	.93
	{ Fall,	2½	44	31	27	.91
	{ Winter,	3	44	36	32	.88
COCHESETT PRIMARY.						
Irene S. Wood,	{ Summer,	2½	\$34	42	34	.81
	{ Fall,	2½	34	50	42	.85
	{ Winter,	3	34	36	29	.81
CENTER GRAMMAR.						
E. Leonard,	{ Summer,	2½	\$40	24	22	.89
	{ Fall,	2½	40	25	23½	.90
	{ Winter,	3	40	29	24	.86
CENTER PRIMARY.						
Lavinia Bowen,	{ Summer,	2½	\$34	31	29	.90
	{ Fall,	2½	34	31	28	.89
	{ Winter,	3	34	31	27	.87
SOUTH INTERMEDIATE.						
M. A. Dewyre,	{ Summer,	2½	\$34	26	22	.86
	{ Fall,	2½	34	29	22½	.78
	{ Winter,	3	34	26	22½	.87
SOUTH PRIMARY.						
Wealthy Holmes,	{ Summer,	2½	\$34	32	27½	.87½
	{ Fall,	3	34	38	28	.75
	{ Winter,	2½	34	36	27½	.76
NORTH CENTER.						
Alice Shepard,	{ Summer,	2½	\$34	29	25	.87
	{ Fall,	2½	34	27	26	.98
	{ Winter,	3½	34	32	29	.92
NORTH.						
M. B. Wyman,	{ Summer,	2½	\$34	25	20	.83
	{ Fall,	2½	34	22	17	.85
	{ Winter,	3	34	25	21	.87

Table of Statistics—Continued.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.		Length of School in months.	Wages of Teachers per month.	Number of Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance.
EAST.						
Cora F. Ellis,	Summer,	21 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	\$36	26	22	.84
Cora F. Ellis,	Fall,	21 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	36	34	29	.86
Hattie F. Alger,	Winter,	3	36	32	25	.76
JERUSALEM.						
Abbie A. Frawley,	Summer,	21 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	\$34	10	8	.80
	Fall,	21 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	34	11	10	.90
	Winter,	3	34	17	16	.95

Whole number of scholars in town May 1st, 1880,	314
Whole number of scholars attending school,	315
Average number attending school,	245.13
Percentage of attendance throughout the town,	86 $\frac{1}{2}$











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## TOWN OFFICERS.

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### Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

HENRY COPELAND.                      MOLBRY A. RIPLEY.  
SAMUEL H. HOWARD.

### Town Clerk.

JAMES HOWARD.

### Collector and Treasurer.

GEORGE M. PRATT.

### School Committee.

J. A. SHORES, *Superintendent.*

LUCIUS DUNBAR, *Chairman.*      ALBERT COPELAND, *Secretary.*  
WILLIAM H. JENNINGS.      CLINTON P. HOWARD.  
JOSEPH E. RYDER.      WILLIAM A. LINEHAN.

### Surveyors of Highways.

EDWARD TISDALE.      DAVIS COPELAND.  
JOHN L. HAYWARD.

### Library Committee.

FRANCIS E. HOWARD.      JAMES HOWARD.  
MRS. M. K. CROSBY.      MRS. HENRY COPELAND.  
CHARLES R. PACKARD.      MRS. EDWARD TISDALE.

### Constables.

LUCIUS DUNBAR.      ELI WHEELER.  
WILLIAM LINEHAN.

### Auditors.

HEMAN COPELAND.      EDWARD TISDALE.  
JAMES HOWARD.



# REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

## VALUATION.

(As assessed May 1, 1881.)

Value of real estate . . . . .	\$718,886.00
“ personal property . . . . .	144,776.00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$863,662.00</u>

## ASSESSMENTS.

State tax . . . . .	\$780.00
County tax . . . . .	1,029.48
Town grant . . . . .	8,450.00
Overlaying on taxes . . . . .	136.80
Total tax . . . . .	<u>\$10,396.28</u>

Rate of tax, \$11 per \$1,000.

Poll tax, \$2.00.

Number of polls . . . . .	448
“ dwelling-houses taxed, . . . . .	351
“ acres of land “ . . . . .	9,804
“ horses “ . . . . .	287
“ cows “ . . . . .	508
“ oxen “ . . . . .	46
“ sheep “ . . . . .	6

## APPROPRIATIONS.

For support of schools . . . . .	\$3,000.00
school repairs . . . . .	350.00
repairing highways . . . . .	2,500.00
support of the poor . . . . .	1,300.00
town officers . . . . .	700.00
incidentals . . . . .	300.00
public lectures . . . . .	100.00
town farm implements . . . . .	150.00
repairing old cemeteries . . . . .	50.00
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	\$8,450.00
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## TOWN PROPERTY.

Value of town farm . . . . .	\$4,000.00
" personal property . . . . .	1,723.60
" nine school-houses . . . . .	11,700.00
" town library . . . . .	2,500.00

HENRY COPELAND,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
MOLBRY A. RIPLEY,	
SAMUEL H. HOWARD,	
	<i>and</i>
	} <i>Assessors.</i>

# REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

INVENTORY OF ALMSHOUSE, FEB. I, 1882.

2 oxen	\$155.00
7 cows	280.00
1 horse	40.00
3 hogs	45.00
72 fowls	40.00
12 tons of English hay	240.00
1 ton of bedding hay	8.00
8 tons of meadow hay	100.00
2 tip carts,	80.00
2 hay carts	32.00
1 express wagon	32.00
3 harnesses	35.00
1 buffalo	3.00
1 pair of wheels	5.00
1 sled and drag	6.00
— farming tools and plows	50.00
2 ox yokes	5.00
— mowing machine, rake, and harrow	115.00
— manure	100.00
1 M shingles	2.00
25 bushels of corn	19.00
50 bushels of potatoes	50.00
5 bushels of beans	10.00
— other vegetables	3.00

Amount carried forward, . . . . .	\$1,455.00
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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,455.00
100 lbs. of salt pork	10.00
50 lbs. of ham	6.00
30 lbs. of lard	4.50
2 bushels of salt	1.00
4 bags of meal	6.00
100 lbs. of shorts	1.25
— soap	1.50
— pickles	60
— eggs	1.00
— coal	5.00
— grass seed	1.00
5 stoves	42.00
1 bureau, 15 chairs, 4 tables, 7 bedsteads	44.00
— tinware	16.00
— crockery ware, etc.	10.00
— stone ware	5.00
— glass ware, lanterns, and lamps	5.00
— knives and forks, spoons	2.00
2 churns, butter box, and stamp	12.00
— wooden ware and clothes wringer	10.00
1 barrel of flour	8.75
— salt beef, fish, and groceries	10.00
— bedding	60.00
— linens and towels	6.00
	<u>\$1,723.60</u>
Inventory for 1881	<u>\$1,674.73</u>

## RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

*E. T. Ellis, as Warden, from February 1, 1881, to  
April 1, 1881:*

For hay and poultry . . . . . \$68.25

*James C. Leighton, as Warden, from April, 1881,  
to February, 1882:*

Received for milk . . . . .	sold . . . . .	280.92
butter . . . . .	“ . . . . .	84.10
eggs . . . . .	“ . . . . .	37.29
poultry . . . . .	“ . . . . .	21.29
wood . . . . .	“ . . . . .	4.00
hay . . . . .	“ . . . . .	94.89
calves . . . . .	“ . . . . .	20.40
hay and lumber . . . . .	“ . . . . .	21.88
labor off farm . . . . .	. . . . .	31.75
hogs . . . . .	“ . . . . .	96.04
lumber . . . . .	“ . . . . .	5.52
soap grease . . . . .	“ . . . . .	.42
two lodgers . . . . .	. . . . .	.40
oxen . . . . .	“ . . . . .	160.00
beef cow . . . . .	“ . . . . .	23.54
“ . . . . .	“ . . . . .	40.00
“ . . . . .	“ . . . . .	26.00
half beef cow . . . . .	“ . . . . .	15.00
onions . . . . .	“ . . . . .	5.50
horse let . . . . .	. . . . .	.50
old iron . . . . .	“ . . . . .	.60
<b>premium on corn,</b> . . . . .	. . . . .	<b>1.25</b>
entertaining tramps . . . . .	. . . . .	11.50
attending with hearse . . . . .	. . . . .	28.00
Bills due house . . . . .	. . . . .	40.00
Increase in inventory . . . . .	. . . . .	48.87

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\$1,167.91

## EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

*E. T. Ellis, as Warden from February to April*  
1, 1881:

Paid for groceries . . . . .	\$21.63	
clothing . . . . .	16.70	
care of Ames . . . . .	10.00	
household utensils . . . . .	16.00	
meat and fish . . . . .	6.60	
use of stock . . . . .	2.50	
farming tools and blacksmithing	3.04	
F. W. Howard . . . . .	28.36	
Pierce & Packard's bill . . . . .	47.63	
William H. Tobey . . . . .	6.25	
Shaw & Rice . . . . .	5.08	
Dean's grain and flour . . . . .	87.93	
James C. Swan . . . . .	4.00	
E. T. Ellis, Warden, salary for two months . . . . .	41.67	\$297.39

*February 1, 1881:*

Paid for meat . . . . .	53.75	
fish . . . . .	9.37	
clothing . . . . .	51.37	
blacksmithing . . . . .	19.75	
soap . . . . .	4.31	
coal . . . . .	6.75	
labor hired on farm . . . . .	107.14	
house and farm utensils . . . . .	26.51	
potatoes . . . . .	11.13	
salt, lime, and phosphate . . . . .	6.50	
funeral exp's of Willard Ames . . . . .	18.50	
Shaw & Rice, flour, grain and groceries . . . . .	472.01	
for oxen . . . . .	130.00	
lumber for farm . . . . .	35.59	
grinding and seeds . . . . .	9.08	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i> . . . . .		\$297.39



<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$297.39
Paid for use of stock	.	.	.	\$4.00
sundries	.	.	.	2.00
James C. Swan	.	.	.	3.00
M. A. Ripley, for a cow	.	.	.	45.00
Bradford Copeland, for a cow	.	.	.	47.50
William C. Howard	.	.	.	24.28
F. W. Howard	.	.	.	52.87
Cyrus Brown, for a cow	.	.	.	40.00
James C. Swan	.	.	.	3.00
cash drawn from treasury for				
Warden's use on farm	.			176.27
James C. Leighton's salary for				
ten months	.	.	.	250.00
lumber and findings	.	.	.	4.51
				<hr/> 1,614.19
Total expenditures during year	.			\$1,911.58
Total receipts during year	.	.		<hr/> 1,167.91
Total expense of poor in house	.			\$743.67
Total expense of poor out of				
house	.	.	.	<hr/> 681.80
Total expense of poor	.	.	.	<hr/> <hr/> \$1,425.47

NAMES OF PERSONS SUPPORTED IN ALMSHOUSE DURING THE  
YEAR 1881.

Galen Howard, age	74	.	.	52 weeks.
Michael Ryan, "	34	.	.	52 "
Henry Packard, "	15	.	.	52 "
Fred Packard, "	9	.	.	52 "
Esrom Morse, "	8	.	.	52 "
Mary A. Morse, "	5	.	.	52 "
Emma Morse, "	13	.	.	40 "
Chloe Field, "	83	.	.	28 "
Albert Staples, "	39	.	.	23 "
Willard Ames, "	84	.	.	12 "
Frank Fadden, "	25	.	.	1 "
Abbie Fadden, "	63	.	.	7 "

Discharged during the year, 2.  
 Died during the year, 1.  
 Average number during the year, 8 7-52.  
 Average cost per week, \$1.75 38-47.  
 Number of tramps, 23.

## EXPENSE OF POOR OUT OF HOUSE.

Help to Joseph Morse, groceries and physician	. \$116.25
George Poole, funeral expense	. . 22.50
Jacob Talbot at town of Scituate	. . 80.60
Will Dunn at Plymouth and Taunton Lunatic Hospital	. . . . . 55.31
Mrs. Jemima Howard, board	. . . 182.00
Mrs. Richardson, care	. . . 3.00
Warren Corbet, supplies	. . . 4.15
William Durgan, groceries	. . . 16.25
poor children for school-books	. . . 14.37
Frank Fadden, Taunton Lunatic Hospital	. 15.83
Hervey and Eaton families, at Taunton	. 206.54
Mrs. Fisher, physician	. . . 5.00
Martha Cornwall, physician and supplies	. 58.79
Total paid	. . . . . \$780.59
Due from Bridgewater for M. Cornwall	. \$58.79
Received from Milo Howard	. . 40.00
Total receipts	. . . . . 98.79
Total cost of poor out of house	. . <u><u>\$681.80</u></u>

## ALMSHOUSE.

There are at present eight inmates at the almshouse, which the report shows has been about the average number for the year. The appropriation of \$150, voted for farm implements, has been used in the purchase of a mowing-machine, horse-rake, and harrow, at an expense of \$122.50, these being very much needed.

Of the expenditures at the almshouse about \$100 has been used in laying a new linter floor, etc., and repairing the hen-house.

The management of this institution under the present Warden has kept the farm in good condition, and the inmates have been well cared for, while the farm has afforded a larger profit than for several years.

## POOR OUT OF THE HOUSE.

In this department there has been an increase of expense from last year of nearly \$150. This is due in part to the care of sick who have needed help and medical aid, and our insane at Taunton Lunatic Hospital. Others have been assisted where it has been deemed best that they might in part care for themselves; and we think aid has been rendered only in such cases as seemed to demand relief.

HENRY COPELAND,	} <i>Overseers of</i>
MOLBRY A. RIPLEY,	
SAMUEL H. HOWARD,	
	<i>the Poor.</i>

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

### HIGHWAY SURVEYORS' ACCOUNT.

Bills paid by approval of surveyors :

L. A. Flagg . . . .	\$21.90
Albert Alger . . . .	3.00
L. E. Copeland . . . .	3.75
Levi Walker . . . .	54.60
Abiel Washburn . . . .	2.70
J. Q. Hartwell . . . .	3.00
Davis Copeland . . . .	672.00
Edward Tisdale . . . .	1,037.92
H. W. Howard . . . .	104.00
D. W. Gardner . . . .	19.65
S. D. Bartlett . . . .	3.60
O. K. Ness . . . .	6.00
Bradford Copeland . . . .	80.80
S. G. Copeland . . . .	208.65
Thomas Snell . . . .	40.75
Horace Bartlett . . . .	52.50
Lewis Ryder . . . .	16.85
C. Howard . . . .	14.32
J. L. Hayward . . . .	268.71
Erland Thayer . . . .	12.60
Dwelly Forbes . . . .	3.75
Clinton P. Howard . . . .	4.50
E. E. Miller . . . .	2.50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i> . . .	<u>\$2,638.05</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$2,638.05	
Horatio Howard	.	.	.	161.57	
Daniel Donovan	.	.	.	12.00	
J. T. Ryder	.	.	.	2.55	
Patrick Keenan	.	.	.	2.00	
James C. Swan	.	.	.	19.00	
Jonas Leonard	.	.	.	8.55	
James Howard	.	.	.	22.75	<u>\$2,866.47</u>

## STATEMENT.

Appropriation for highways,	
1881	\$2,500.00
Amount expended by surveyors	2,805.72
Overdrawn	<u>\$305.72</u>

*As submitted by the surveyors,*

EDWARD TISDALE.  
DAVIS COPELAND.  
JOHN L. HAYWARD.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE SCHOOLS.

*Receipts.*

Appropriation for 1881	.	.	.	\$3,000.00	
State school fund	.	.	.	231.94	
Dog fund	.	.	.	200.79	
East Bridgewater, for tuition,	.	.	.	10.04	<u>\$3,442.77</u>

*Expenditures.*

John J. Rackiffe, salary, Cochesett school	\$248.00	
E. W. Schnerch, " " "	110.00	
Irene S. Wood, " " "	272.00	
Care of house	13.50	
Wood, and housing the same	37.50	<u>\$681.00</u>

Approved by W. H. Jennings.

*Amount carried forward* . . . . \$681.00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$681.00
Ralph Barker, salary, Center school	.	.	\$580.33	
Lavinia Bowen, " " "	.	.	102.00	
Edith Snell, " " "	.	.	150.00	
Care of house . . . . .	.	.	8.00	
Wood, and housing the same . . . . .	.	.	54.00	894.33

Approved by L. Dunbar.

Abbie A. Frawley, salary, Jerusalem school,	\$272.00	
Care of house . . . . .	8.00	
Wood, and housing the same . . . . .	17.50	297.50

Approved by W. A. Linehan.

M. B. Wyman, salary, North school	.	\$192.00	
L. M. Swift, " " "	.	85.00	
Care of house . . . . .	.	5.00	
Wood, and housing the same . . . . .	.	17.50	299.50

Approved by A. Copeland.

P. H. Burr, salary, North Center school	\$102.00	
L. M. Toothaker, " " " "	170.00	
Care of house . . . . .	5.60	
Wood, and housing the same . . . . .	20.00	297.60

Approved by A. Copeland.

Wealthy A. Holmes, salary, South school	\$272.00	
Mary A. Dewyre, " " "	305.50	
Care of house . . . . .	5.00	
Wood, and housing the same . . . . .	38.00	620.50

Approved by C. P. Howard.

Hattie Alger, salary, East school . . . . .	\$108.00	
H. E. Wentworth, " " " . . . . .	180.00	
Care of house . . . . .	5.00	
Wood, and housing the same . . . . .	33.30	326.30

Approved by J. E. Ryder.

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\$3,416.73



## STATEMENT.

Paid Beaver school . . . . .	\$110.33
salaries of school teachers . . . . .	3,148.83
care of school-houses . . . . .	50.10
fuel, and housing the same . . . . .	217.80
Cost of schools . . . . .	\$3,527.06
Receipts . . . . .	3,442.77
Overdrawn, . . . . .	<u>\$84.29</u>

## SCHOOL REPAIRS.

Abiel Washburn, repairing, etc. . . . .	\$1.11
Albert Copeland, school repairing, etc. . . . .	28.53
William A. Linehan, repairs . . . . .	1.85
E. F. Howard, repairs . . . . .	27.12
W. J. Howard, lumber and repairing . . . . .	51.54
George Bent, repairs . . . . .	7.00
A. R. Beal, school furnishings . . . . .	93.85
F. W. Howard, repairs . . . . .	43.28
George Wilbur, repairs . . . . .	10.50
Clinton P. Howard, school furnishings . . . . .	16.80
Lucius Dunbar, furnishings . . . . .	28.48
J. E. Carr, stove furnishings . . . . .	22.17
J. E. Ryder, school furnishings . . . . .	7.25
Shaw & Rice, furnishings . . . . .	8.10
Lucius Dunbar, furnishings . . . . .	15.29
L. E. Hayward, repairs . . . . .	1.80
Albert Copeland, repairs . . . . .	2.00
Lucius Dunbar, repairs . . . . .	6.11
	<u>\$372.78</u>
Appropriation . . . . .	350.00
Overdrawn . . . . .	<u>\$22.78</u>

## OLD CEMETERIES.

*Expenditures at Jerusalem Cemetery.*

L. E. Hayward, labor on yard	.	.	\$16.50	
A. Conant, " "	.	.	5.00	
Patrick Conoly, " "	.	.	3.00	
E. W. Hayward, " "	.	.	5.00	
Friend W. Howard, " "	.	.	4.37	
Clinton P. Howard, lumber	.	.	8.00	
Oakes S. Soule, " "	.	.	17.31	
Josiah Q. Hartwell, " "	.	.	33.35	\$92.53
Appropriation for 1881	.	.	\$50.00	
Received of Wm. C. Howard for lumber,			30.03	80.03
Overdrawn	.	.	.	\$12.50

## INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

George T. Shaw, tolling bell	.	.	.	\$6.00
Samuel D. Bartlett, tolling bell, &c.	.	.	.	10.25
Daniel Perkins, office rent	.	.	.	18.00
F. E. Howard, town hall rent	.	.	.	75.00
A. T. Jones & Co., printing	.	.	.	75.00
Ernest W. Thayer	.	.	.	17.40
Luther Richards, gravel	.	.	.	1.70
E. W. Hayward, " "	.	.	.	10.00
J. L. Hayward, " "	.	.	.	1.70
Horatio Howard, " "	.	.	.	200.00
J. E. Ryder, " "	.	.	.	8.20
Albert Copeland, work on guide-boards	.	.	.	18.00
George M. Pratt, postage	.	.	.	2.00
Selectmen's traveling expenses	.	.	.	20.00
J. D. Burrell, work around monument	.	.	.	4.90
Molbry A. Ripley, work around monument	.	.	.	7.20
Selectmen's stationery and postage	.	.	.	2.50
				\$477.85
Appropriation for 1881	.	.	.	300.00
Overdrawn	.	.	.	\$177.85

## STATE AID.

The following named persons have received State and military aid :

James P. Gallagher	.	.	.	\$72.00	
Charles T. Morse	.	.	.	54.00	
Francis W. Wood	.	.	.	72.00	
Patrick Dorgan	.	.	.	72.00	
John A. Freese	.	.	.	46.50	
William H. Jennings	.	.	.	54.00	
James S. Card	.	.	.	72.00	
Lucius Dunbar	.	.	.	18.00	
Bradford Packard	.	.	.	13.50	
Mary E. Howard	.	.	.	48.00	
Mary E. Kingman	.	.	.	48.00	
Salome Stetson	.	.	.	48.00	
Lucinda S. Lothrop	.	.	.	48.00	
Hannah R. Stanley	.	.	.	48.00	
Julia A. Sargent	.	.	.	12.00	
Harriet S. Bouldry	.	.	.	48.00	
Mary J. Reeves	.	.	.	48.00	
Amelia Gilmore	.	.	.	40.00	\$862.00

## MILITARY AID, CHAPTER 252.

Timothy W. Fisher	.	.	.	\$48.00	
Jacob Talbot	.	.	.	10.00	58.00
Due from the State, January 1, 1882	.	.	.		\$920.00

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Samuel H. Howard, selectman, assessor, etc.	.	.	.	.	\$63.00
J. Q. Hartwell,	"	"	"	.	80.75
Henry Copeland,	"	"	"	.	175.00
Molbry A. Ripley,	"	"	"	.	45.00
James Howard, town clerk	.	.	.	.	41.20
George M. Pratt, town treasurer	.	.	.	.	150.00
Lucius Dunbar, school committee	.	.	.	.	9.80
Albert Copeland,	"	"	.	.	14.00
William H. Jennings	"	"	.	.	9.75
Clinton P. Howard	"	"	.	.	90
William A. Linehan,	"	"	.	.	3.75
Lucius Dunbar, constable	"	.	.	.	11.00
Eli Wheeler,	"	.	.	.	11.50
Charles E. Simmons	"	.	.	.	3.00
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					\$618.65
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Appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	\$700.00
Unexpended balance, February 1, 1881	.	.	.	.	.	\$81.35

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

*Receipts.*

Balance in treasury, February 1, 1881 . . . . .	\$2,010.15
Mark Dunbar, to note . . . . .	500.00
Francis Dunbar, to note . . . . .	400.00
Daniel Perkins, to note . . . . .	100.00
Francis E. Howard, to note . . . . .	500.00
Francis Dunbar, to note . . . . .	600.00
Amasa Howard, to note . . . . .	200.00
Francis Dunbar, to note . . . . .	1,200.00
Received from Bridgewater . . . . .	17.00
James Howard, part of library fund . . . . .	300.00
Balance of monument fund . . . . .	92.79
Bank and corporation tax . . . . .	651.85
Assessment of taxes from assessors . . . . .	10,413.49
Bank tax . . . . .	965.66
State aid . . . . .	817.50
Relief for soldiers and sailors . . . . .	48.00
Income from State school fund . . . . .	231.94
Interest on taxes for 1880 . . . . .	121.81
Dog fund . . . . .	200.79
Received for Mrs. Jemima Howard . . . . .	40.00
Adjustment of bank tax . . . . .	7.76
	<u>\$19,418.74</u>

*Expenditures.*

State tax . . . . .	\$780.00
County tax . . . . .	1,029.48
Francis Dunbar's note and interest . . . . .	2,249.47
F. E. Howard note and interest . . . . .	516.33
Daniel Perkins note and interest . . . . .	104.50
Amasa Howard note and interest . . . . .	208.00
M. Dunbar note and interest . . . . .	527.50
Discount on tax for 1881 . . . . .	624.81
<i>Amount carried forward,</i> . . . . .	<u>\$6,040.09</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$6,040.09
Support of schools	3,527.06
School repairs	377.78
Highways	2,866.47
Town farm	987.81
Poor out of house	780.59
Lectures	100.00
Old cemeteries	62.50
State aid	862.00
Military aid	48.00
Incidentals	477.85
Town officers	618.65
Abatement of taxes	86.99
Due from Bridgewater	58.79
Balance in treasury February 1, 1882	2,524.16
	<u>\$19,418.74</u>

GEORGE M. PRATT, *Treasurer.*

#### CONDITION OF TREASURY.

Cash on hand	\$1,024.16
Uncollected taxes	1,500.00
	<u>\$2,524.16</u>
Due from State for State aid furnished	862.00
“ “ military aid furnished	58.00
“ Bridgewater	58.79
	<u>\$3,502.95</u>
Due library fund	312.50
In favor of treasury	<u>\$3,190.45</u>

There is also in the hands of the treasurer, belonging to the library fund, the East Bridgewater Savings Bank book of about \$740.00.



## AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the treasurer of West Bridgewater for the year ending February 1, 1882, and have found them properly cast and vouched for.

HEMAN COPELAND,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
JAMES HOWARD,	
EDWARD TISDALE,	

## LIST OF JURORS FOR 1882.

(As prepared by the Selectmen.)

Cyrus Alger.	Edward W. Hayward.	George M. Pratt.
Herbert Alger.	Linus E. Hayward.	Japhet Packard.
Horace Bartlett.	Jonas G. Hartwell.	Sylvester Rice.
Charles W. Bacon.	James Howard.	George D. Ryder.
Dennis Callahan.	Charles T. Howard.	Justin W. Richards.
Davis Copeland.	Benjamin B. Howard.	Erland Thayer.
Henry Copeland.	Henry S. Keith.	Henry N. Thayer.
Lucius Dunbar.	William A. Linehan.	Frank S. Tisdale.
Curtis Eddy.	John A. Millett.	

## GUIDE BOARDS.

The Selectmen recommend that guide boards be maintained at the following places :

Joshua T. Ryder's.	Molbry Ripley's.
Justin W. Richards's.	James Alger's furnace.
Joseph Kingman's.	Cyrus P. Brown's.
Lewis Ryder's.	Joseph Alger's.
Pine Hill cemetery.	Barnabas Dunbar's.
Charles Howard's.	Stillman W. Hersey's.
West of almshouse.	Dwelley Forbes's.
Edmund Gerry's.	Benjamin Howard's.
Pardon Copeland's.	George Wilber's.
North Center school-house.	John B. Holmes's.
Heman Copeland's.	G. R. Drake's store.
Nahum Leonard's.	Center post-office.
J. Q. Hartwell's.	Gardner's corner.
John Walker's (2).	Waldo Howard's.

We recommend the town to appropriate:

For support of the poor . . . . .	\$1,300.00
support of schools . . . . .	3,000.00
school repairs and school incidentals . . . . .	400.00
highways . . . . .	2,500.00
town officers . . . . .	700.00
town incidentals . . . . .	500.00
public lectures . . . . .	100.00
repairing old cemeteries . . . . .	50.00
memorial services . . . . .	50.00

The next annual town meeting will be held on Monday, the 6th day of March next, at 1 o'clock, P. M., 1882.

HENRY COPELAND,	} <i>Selectmen.</i>
MOLBRY A. RIPLEY,	
SAMUEL H. HOWARD,	

WEST BRIDGEWATER, February 1, 1882.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

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### *Marriages Recorded in West Bridgewater in 1881.*

- April 4. Frank H. Williams, of West Bridgewater, and Hattie F. Allen, of Easton.
- April 15. Horatio S. Shaw and Olive B. Allen, both of West Bridgewater.
- April 23. George C. Beals, of West Bridgewater, and Fanny Holmes, of Bridgewater.
- April 24. James S. Manchester and Eunice M. Folsom, both of West Bridgewater.
- May 25. Edwin L. Wilds, of West Bridgewater, and Lizzie Swift, of Plymouth.
- June 9. J. Nelson Harris, of New York, and Alice A. Tisdale, of West Bridgewater.
- Nov. 24. Wilton Copeland, of West Bridgewater, and Lucy A. Field, of East Bridgewater.
- Nov. 19. John Reed, of East Bridgewater, and Lydia C. Richards, of West Bridgewater.
- Nov. 24. Theodore F. Wentworth, of Bridgewater, and Dora York, of Cambridgeport.
- Nov. 29. Waldo Howard and Harriet E. Howard, both of West Bridgewater.
- Dec. 22. Walter S. Edson, of Brockton, and F. Antoinette Howard, of West Bridgewater.

## Births Recorded in the Town of West Bridgewater in 1881.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1881.			
January 10	Ella Gertrude Miller	Female	Elbridge E. and Sarah E. Miller.
" 20	John Hayes	Male	John and Ellen Hayes.
February 19	Essie Rebecca Wilder	Female	Fred and L. Adelaide Wilder.
March 12	Jessie B. Hutchinson	"	Albert and Delia Hutchinson.
" 17	Mary Mullen	"	Timothy and Mary Ann Mullen.
" 18	Nathan A. Alger	Male	Nathan J. and Sophronia A. Alger.
" 23	Mary Kent	Female	Philip and Margaret Kent.
April 7	Helen Hathaway Gardner	"	Daniel W. and Marietta F. Gardner.
" 28	Alice Gertrude Howard	"	Horace W. and Ann A. Howard.
May 12	Anna Eveline Hennessey	"	James W. and Maria H. Hennessey.
" 17	John Galvin	Male	Michael and Anna Galvin.
June 1	Michael J. Loaby	"	David and Margaret Loaby.
July 22	Frank Holly Millett	"	Herbert A. and Affie G. Millett.
" 26	Walter Sheldon Tower.	"	Lorenzo A. and Mary S. Tower.
September 14	Thomas Carroll	"	Robert and Elizabeth Carroll.
" 26	Minnie Gertrude Baxter	Female	Elijah and Lydia F. Baxter.
October 3	Ellen Sullivan	"	Philip and Mary Sullivan.
" 7	Lewis Orin Alger	Male	Edmund L. and Sarah C. Alger.
" 12	Alton Eugene Alger	"	Eugene F. and Lucy P. Alger.
" 15	Julia Gorman	Female	William and Hannah Gorman.
" 19	James Rinaldo Holbrook	Male	Ellis R. and Eudora Holbrook.
" 21	Arthur O'Conner	"	Patrick and Margaret O'Conner.
November 6	Charles Frank Turner	"	Luther C. and Emma F. Turner.
" 20	Lizzie G. Hartwell	Female	Jonas G. and Ellen A. Hartwell.
" 24	— Sylvia	"	Parents are Portuguese,—cannot speak our language.
December 1	Harry T. Howard	Male	Charles T. and Helen I. Howard.

## Deaths Registered in the Town of West Bridgewater in 1881.

Date of Death.	Name of Deceased.		Age.		Place of Birth.	Disease.	Name of Parents.
			Y.	M.			
1881.							
Feb. 5	John Buttomer		58		Ireland	Peritonitis	Dennis and Ellen Buttomer.
" 6	Julia M. Bryant		43	6	Bath, Maine	Acute laryngitis	Isaac and Abigail Edgecomb.
" 10	Hiram Grover		81	7	Mansfield	Old age	Lemuel and Sally Grover.
" 13	George W. Johnson		65	10	West Bridgewater	Pneumonia	Thomas and Hannah Johnson.
Mar. 5	Mary R. Edson		72	1	West Bridgewater	Anæmia	William and Sally K. Edson.
" 31	Eliza Sweetlove		74	1	Portsmouth, N. H.	Old age	James and Ruth Coffin.
Apr. 10	Fred Hartwell		32	6	West Bridgewater	Pulmonary phthisis	Josiah Q. and Hannah O. Hartwell.
" 19	David Whalen		49		Ireland	Capillary bronchitis	
" 25	Luther Richards		82		West Bridgewater	Enlargement of heart	Seth and Matilda Richards.
" 25	Willard Ames		83	5	West Bridgewater	Old age	Jonathan and Patience Ames.
May 1	Mary Frawley		38		Albany, N. Y.	Consumption	Peter and Mary Gainer.
" 5	Melvin O. Perkins		79	5	West Bridgewater	Phthisis	Nathaniel and Hannah Perkins.
" 20	Ralph L. Williams		4	7	West Bridgewater	Diphtheria	Chas. E. and Martha M. Williams.
June 4	Michael J. Loaby		16		West Bridgewater	Anæmia	David and Margaret Loaby.
" 12	Lizzie E. Holmes		78	4	West Bridgewater	Consumption	John A. and Elizabeth S. Holmes.
July 7	Nancy F. Howard		11	11	Sharon	Apoplexy	Josiah and Susannah Talbot.
" 17	John Galvin		2	2	West Bridgewater	Asphyxia	Michael and Anna Galvin.
" 18	Mabel H. Wilder		33	8	West Bridgewater	Cerebro-spinal meningitis	Frederic and L. Adelaide Wilder.
Aug. 8	Mary H. Dunbar		30	3	Falmouth	Pulmonary consumption	Ansel and Mary Alger.
" 13	Austin Packard		66	6	North Bridgewater	Age and debility	Thomas and Joanna Packard.
" 13	Julia Kingman		66	29	West Bridgewater	Paralysis	Ira and Sarah Hayward.
" 16	Ella G. Miller		66	10	West Bridgewater	Congestion of lungs	Elbridge E. and Sarah E. Miller.
" 21	Olive Washburn		83	7	Middleboro'	Age and debility	Abial and Abigail Washburn.
Sept. 2	Elsena Rumrill		18	3	Boston	Bright's disease	James F. and Harriet H. Rumrill.
" 5	Melzer Kingman		69	7	West Bridgewater	Fracture of skull bone	Jonathan and Mehitabel Kingman.
" 9	George Poole		64	11	West Bridgewater	Dissipation	John and Susan Poole.
Oct. 10	Etta L. Wilder		7	1	West Bridgewater	Peritonitis	Frederic and L. Adelaide Wilder.
" 24	Sewell Mitchell		4	15	West Bridgewater	Membranous croup	Henry G. and Eudora Mitchell.
" 29	Anna Keith White		78	28	West Bridgewater	Paralysis	Salmon and Anna S. Howard.

## Deaths Registered in the Town of West Bridgewater in 1881.—Continued.

Date of Death.	Name of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Disease.	Name of Parents.
		Y.	M.	D.			
1881.							
Nov. 11	Betsey H. Copeland	78	10	13	North Bridgewater	Apoplexy	Luke and Mary Perkins.
Dec. 2	Daniel McCarty	15	8		West Bridgewater	Phthisis	Michael and Elizabeth McCarty.
" 4	Andrew Buttomer	71	10	28	Ireland	Strangulated hernia	Dennis and Ellen Buttomer.
" 5	Lizzie L. Turner	2	1	24.	Brockton	Laryngitis	Charles J. and Fanny J. Turner.
" 6	Elizabeth P. Ripley	52	6	4	Yarmouth	Tumor and blood poison	James and Mercy Taylor.
" 8	Justin M. Swan	27	4	23	West Bridgewater	Laryngeal consumption	James C. and Harriet A. Swan.
" 23	John Crowley	38	4	8	Ireland	Accidental drowning	Charles and Julia Crowley.
" 27	Owen D. Perkins	77	7	27	Hallowell, Me.	Pneumonia	Nathaniel and Hannah Perkins.
" 28	— Sylvia	20			Portugal	Pyæmia	Not ascertained.

JAMES HOWARD, Town Clerk.



## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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In presenting the annual report on the public library, the directors have the pleasure of acknowledging a donation from John S. Martin, Esq., to the library, of 207 volumes, consisting of different classes of books which are useful and interesting in a library ; it is therefore a valuable acquisition.

There has been added by purchase also during the year ending January 31st, 177 volumes. The total number of books in the library is now 1,447.

The weekly distribution of books from the library during the year has averaged about 144 volumes.

On account of the inconvenient size of the room which was first rented and prepared for the use of the library, it was found necessary to make some change ; and while the directors were prospecting for a more commodious situation, the trustees of the Howard School building offered to them a room in *that building* for the use of the library, which was accepted as being the most suitable, under existing circumstances, of any situation which was available. The cost of furnishing said room with necessary shelving, furniture, stove and fixtures for heating, and preparing the entrance thereto, and the lamps and fixtures for lighting both room and entry way, was \$103.59. The library was moved into said room and the first issue of books made therefrom November 12th, 1881.

The following statistics will exhibit its financial condition January 31st, 1882 :

Balance in the treasury, January 31st, 1881 . . .	\$256.87
Received on the original subscriptions . . .	2.00
“ for fines, sale of catalogues, etc. . . .	29.80
“ of J. Howard, interest on a note . . .	7.50
<i>Amount carried forward.</i> . . .	<u>\$296.17</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$296.17
Received of C. Leonard, note and interest		54.50
“ “ “ “ “		27.75
Drawn from the Copeland bequest to balance acct.		42.55
Total receipts during the year		<u>\$420.97</u>

Expended for fitting up the present location of the library	\$103.59
“ “ librarian's salary (53 weeks)	79.50
“ “ “ “ extra time	5.93
“ “ books	183.61
“ “ binding books	11.90
“ “ printing	11.00
“ “ record book	3.00
“ “ covering paper	3.25
“ “ express on books, etc.	1.25
“ “ fuel and preparing the same	4.50
“ “ one year's rent on old room	9.00
“ “ sundry items for the room during the year	4.44
Total expenditures during the year	<u>\$420.97</u>

When the town voted to accept the library, in March, 1879, with the conditions upon which it was offered, it also voted to make an annual appropriation for its support. Last year the town failed to make such an appropriation.

The library appears to be doing a good and useful work ; but it necessarily costs from \$200 to \$300 annually to sustain it in a prosperous condition, and without this support it must inevitably fail in its useful work. The directors, feeling that it is an obligation devolving upon the town and also a wise use of the means, therefore recommend that the town make such appropriation for the public library.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HOWARD,

*For the Directors of the Library.*

## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The annual report of the school committee of the town of West Bridgewater for the school year of 1881-82 is hereby respectfully submitted.

### ORGANIZATION.

Wm. A. Linehan,	Wm. H. Jennings,
Terms expire 1882.	
Lucius Dunbar,	Clinton P. Howard,
Terms expire 1883.	
Joseph E. Ryder,	Albert Copeland,
Terms expire 1884.	

The board organized for the year by the choice of Lucius Dunbar chairman, and Albert Copeland secretary. The schools were assigned to the members of the committee as follows :

North and North Center to Mr. Copeland.  
East to Mr. Ryder.  
South to Mr. Howard.  
Center to Mr. Dunbar.  
Cochesett to Mr. Jennings.  
Jerusalem to Mr. Linehan.

Chose J. A. Shores superintendent of schools.

The following sub-committees were appointed: On repairs, Messrs. Jennings, Howard, and Copeland; on examination of teachers, the superintendent and Messrs. Jennings and Copeland.

At the annual town meeting the subject of establishing a

school of higher grade for the instruction of the more advanced scholars in town was discussed, and was finally disposed of by referring the subject to the committee. The subject was discussed by the committee, and on motion of W. H. Jennings, voted to establish a High School class in connection with the Center Grammar School. At this point it was voted to adjourn for two weeks. At the adjourned meeting the committee voted to proceed to form a class in accordance with the previous vote. Chose the gentlemen previously chosen as committee to examine teachers to be committee to examine candidates for admission to the class. Chose Messrs. Howard and Copeland a committee to confer with Mr. Dunbar as to the employment of a teacher for the High School class.

#### CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS.

The Jerusalem, Cochesett Primary, Center Grammar, South and North Center schools have for the entire year been taught by teachers who had previous experience in those schools. In the Cochesett Grammar a vacancy was caused by the resignation of Mr. Rackcliffe; also a vacancy in the North by the resignation of Miss Wyman; and in the Center Primary and East the committee thought a change of teachers desirable. It is the opinion of the committee that the new teachers who have entered the field have proved themselves eminently qualified for the positions which they have assumed. For a more particular and minute report of the work performed and the working condition of the schools we refer you to report of the superintendent which accompanies this report.

#### SCHOOL VISITATION.

The committee again invite the attention of parents, guardians, and those who have the charge of children to this subject. It would astonish most persons to look over the registers and see how few of those who should be most interested visit the school-rooms. Their visits are "like angels' visits,

few and far between." There are many good reasons why this should not be so. The school committee are required by law to report annually to the town the condition of the public schools. They form their opinions of the teaching in the several schools by its apparent results; they look for system, order, life; for progress from time to time in the studies, and where these are found, report success. All this all intelligent visitors may do and learn for themselves if the reports of the committee are correct. Another reason why school visitation should be a more common event is its influence on both teachers and pupils. School children do not appreciate their opportunities and have but little idea of their cost, but inevitably judge of their value by the seeming importance their parents attach to them. That part of the teacher's work which often forces itself upon his mind is its endless iteration, and he is glad of any event that reminds him that there is an interest in his work and in the welfare of his pupils outside the school-house walls. The advent of visitors is such an event.

#### HIGH SCHOOL CLASS.

The establishing of this the committee deemed called for by the expression of interest manifested in the subject and the subsequent action of the town. Of course the committee have felt that their work in this direction was experimental, but the results obtained have exceeded their expectations. Our work has been the subject of many unjust criticisms. We have no apologies to make for our course in this matter, feeling that we have been governed by no personal motives, but have conscientiously acted for the best interests of the town and community. Of course the inhabitants of the town have not forgotten the munificent bequest made by the late B. B. Howard for the benefit, as he declares in his will, of his native town in an educational way, and all know, too, how much the town has as yet been benefited by the fruits of said bequest. In conversation between some members of the board of school committee and some members of the board of



trustees of the Howard funds, the trustees have manifested a deep interest in the success of the High School class, and expressed a hope that the trustees at their next meeting might contribute of the funds in their care to sustain this class or assume its entire support. The trustees are soon to have a meeting, and their course in the matter may be decided upon.

#### CONDITION OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

During the year the largest item of expense for repairs on school property has been the repairs on the North Center school-house, which has been new plastered, new floored in part, new seated, new blackboards and a new ventilating apparatus supplied, and made one of the most pleasant and attractive school-rooms in town. The repairs on the other school property have been such as are of constant occurrence. For the next year the Cochesett house must be thoroughly repaired at an estimated expense of at least \$175 if no internal alterations are made. The South houses need to be painted, and at Jerusalem a well and pump is needed, which, with the constantly occurring minor repairs which must be made, will necessitate a larger appropriation for school repairs and furnishings.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT.

Town grant, March, 1881 . . . . .	\$3,000.00	
Dividend of Mass. School fund . . . . .	231.94	
Received of East Bridgewater for tuition . . . . .	10.03	
Estimated income from dog tax . . . . .	210.00	
Drawn from money in treasury for H. S. C. . . . .	50.00	
Overdrawn . . . . .	23.76	\$3,525.73
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Paid for teachers' wages . . . . .	\$2,888.50	
“ on account of High School class . . . . .	260.00	
“ for fuel . . . . .	216.80	
“ “ care of school-houses . . . . .	50.10	
“ East Bridgewater for tuition . . . . .	110.33	\$3,525.73
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Town grant for repairs and furnishings	. . .	\$350.00
Paid for repairs and furnishing	. . .	372.68
Overdrawn	. . .	\$22.68

We recommend that the town raise for repairs and furnishings \$425. That they raise for the support of schools \$3,000, and if in their wisdom they continue the High School class in its present form, the additional sum of \$300 and the dividend of the dog tax. There were on the first day of May last 322 scholars in town. The terms of service to which Messrs. Jennings and Linehan were elected expire with the present school year. Therefore, at the next meeting of the town, there must be elected two members of the board of school committee for three years.

CLINTON P. HOWARD,  
 LUCIUS DUNBAR,  
 J. E. RYDER,  
 WM. A. LINEHAN,  
 ALBERT COPELAND,  
*School Committee.*

WEST BRIDGEWATER, February 1, 1882.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

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### *To the School Committee.*

GENTLEMEN: In assuming the supervision of the public schools, my first object was to become acquainted with the condition and wants of each school and the peculiarities of the teachers, so that I could not only determine more accurately the quantity and quality of the work done, but also better give the aid each teacher needed.

I cannot compare the progress of the schools with that of previous years, but they will bear a favorable comparison with those of other towns.

The schools are in a prosperous condition and satisfactory results have been secured. While there is great diversity of methods among the teachers, their work has been marked by patient, painstaking, and intelligent efforts. For the most part they have been efficient and successful in maintaining discipline and good order, and many of them possess the happy faculty of so relieving the tedium of toil and breaking up the monotony of school-life and inspiring the pupils with a love of study, that with strict order, decorum and quiet in the school-room there is also a buoyancy and cheerfulness of spirit that are pleasing to behold, and are promising of good results.

Much of the prosperity of the schools is due to the permanency of the teachers. A change of teachers is sometimes necessary and beneficial, but it should not be made for slight causes. Very frequently a teacher for some trivial thing is turned away, and one employed with other but greater

faults. Besides, much valuable time is lost while the teacher is learning the characters and wants of the pupils, and they become accustomed to the methods of the new teacher.

The High School class and Center Grammar School have made good progress. I realized the difficulties of combining the two schools, but there has been far less friction and complaint than I anticipated. The experiment of combining the two schools has been successful, but both would be benefited by a separation. The instruction has been thorough, systematic, and progressive. The classes have all done well, but those in Latin, Algebra, Geometry, and a younger class in Arithmetic and English Grammar have given me much pleasure in listening to their recitations. There are in the lower schools enough pupils well qualified to form another class. These can be better and with more economy taught all together than in their separate schools. Besides, the teachers of the grammar and mixed schools will have all they can do well to take care of the younger classes.

In the grammar department at Cochesett, the progress of the school was interrupted by a change of teachers, but you were fortunate in securing a man not only well qualified by education, but very enthusiastic and with a great love of his work. So absorbed was he in teaching that I was afraid the discipline of the school would suffer, but at each of my visits this term the order has been excellent.

The primary schools appear well. The Cochesett and South have been so long under the same teachers that their condition is well known. The change in the Center Grammar School retained the pupils in the primary and made it more like the mixed schools. It has been large, and hard to manage, but has performed much good work, and the teacher merits much praise for her patience, perseverance, and success under difficulties.

The South Grammar School has made steady progress during the year. It has been injured by absences and tardiness, but the energy of the teacher has in a measure remedied these evils.

The regular advance of the North was scarcely interrupted by the change of teachers. Mrs. Swift quickly acquired a knowledge of the scholars and made them so conform to her wishes that they seem to govern themselves. This is the highest type of school government — when the authority is out of sight and every one apparently does as he pleases.

The North Center deserves equal praise for progress in studies and exact methods of instruction. The school excels in English grammar.

The Jerusalem school is so small that it must be difficult to sustain any interest in the classes and preserve regular discipline. The teacher has been successful not only in preserving strict order, but in awakening interest in the classes. The school would be benefited if it could be joined with the Cochesett or some other school.

The East school has been well instructed. The progress of the classes, if measured by pages of text-book, has not been so much as in some of the other schools, but the efforts of the teacher have been to make the pupils thorough and self-reliant. They seem to understand all they have been over, and have acquired much general information.

More uniformity and better results can be obtained by a prescribed course of study and by meetings of the teachers for mutual aid and instruction.

A course of study for primary and grammar schools has been prepared by a committee appointed by the County Convention of School Officers and the Teachers' Association. It may not be strictly adapted to our schools, but it is worthy of attention, as it has been prepared by the best educators of the county. Perhaps no course can be rigidly followed, but you can place before all of the teachers what studies you wish to have taught and in what order. It will concentrate the energies of the teachers by giving them definite ends to be obtained, and in a measure remedy the present desultory methods of teaching.

Permit me to call your attention to the ventilation of the school-rooms. Leaving out the health of the pupils, good air

is necessary for the government of the school, for bad air will make any school restless and disorderly. I have several times found the teachers trying in vain to reduce their schools to order when a supply of fresh air would accomplish more than all their efforts.

The introduction of Bradbury's Eaton's small arithmetics in place of several other books has not only made the text-books uniform in all the schools, but has worked well. It is concise, but clear. It wastes no time on useless questions, and leaves much of the application and illustration of principles to the oral instruction of the teacher.

Respectfully yours,

J. A. SHORES,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

## ROLL OF HONOR.

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THIS list contains the names of those pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy during an entire term, with the number of terms of perfect attendance opposite each name.

### Cochesett Grammar.

Frank P. Dorgan . . . 2	May E. Jennings . . . 1
Iva N. Adams . . . 1	Ethel Vosmus . . . 1
Harry A. Marshall . . . 1	Archie M. Dick . . . 1
Belle B. Alger . . . 1	Lana D. Shaw . . . 1
Mattie E. Godfrey . . . 1	Minnie Gould . . . 1
Blanche A. Jennings . . . 1	

### Cochesett Primary.

Herbert A. Lothrop . . . 2	Katie G. Dewyer . . . 1
Lionel Adams . . . 2	May F. Ripley . . . 1
Calvin Godfrey . . . 2	Selista E. Godfrey . . . 1
Hattie J. Dewyer . . . 1	John S. Pittsley . . . 1
Lottie M. Pittsley . . . 2	Cyrus A. Godfrey . . . 1
Bessie Godfrey . . . 1	Charles A. Vosmus . . . 1

### Center Grammar.

Charles A. Lothrop . . . 1	Bertie S. Packard . . . 1
Oscar B. Leonard . . . 1	Annie Barrell . . . 1
Bertha Leonard . . . 1	



## Center Primary.

Helen F. Bartlett . . . 1	Charles M. Logue . . . 1
Charles Bradford . . . 1	William Lothrop . . . 1
George L. Burke . . . 1	Edward Miller . . . 1
George Conner . . . 1	Fannie R. Pratt . . . 1
Charles Conner . . . 1	Charles Reeves . . . 1
Henry Bartlett . . . 3	Aurelia E. Ripley . . . 2
Ralph D. Forbes . . . 1	Edna F. Wilber . . . 2
Ellis Le Lacheur . . . 1	

## South Primary.

Willie Luddy . . . 2	Clara Stanley . . . 1
Patrick Kent . . . 2	Edith Stanley . . . 1
John Kent . . . 1	

## East.

George Colwell . . . 1	Etta Pratt . . . 1
Thomas Donahoe . . . 1	Austin I. Pratt . . . 1
Alice Eddy . . . 2	George F. Ryder . . . 1
Jennie F. Johnson . . . 1	Nellie Sullivan . . . 1
Florence F. Keene . . . 1	Alice Tower . . . 1
Laura Keene . . . 1	William Tower . . . 1

## Jerusalem.

Willie McCann . . . 2	Frankie Hayward . . . 1
Aggie Linehan . . . 2	Jessie W. Deane . . . 1
Susie J. Langley . . . 1	

## North.

Elmer Hayward . . . 3	Lizzie Hayward . . . 3
George Hayward . . . 2	Hattie Turner . . . 3
Elliot Keith . . . 2	Grace M. Perkins . . . 3
Marion McDonald . . . 2	Nellie L. Millet . . . 2
Edith Millet . . . 2	Roxie J. Howard . . . 1

## North Center.

Nellie Godfrey . . . .	1	Harry P. Snow . . . .	2
Winnie Hiatt . . . .	1	Bertie C. Snow . . . .	1
Justin Hutchinson . . . .	2	Arthur D. Copeland . . . .	1
Ernest Hutchinson . . . .	2	Jennie E. Young . . . .	1
Bertie Hutchinson . . . .	1	Charles Kinney . . . .	1
Charles Neiss . . . .	1	Henry C. Kinney . . . .	1
Thomas Neiss . . . .	1	Horace E. Toothaker . . . .	1
Oliver Neiss . . . .	1		

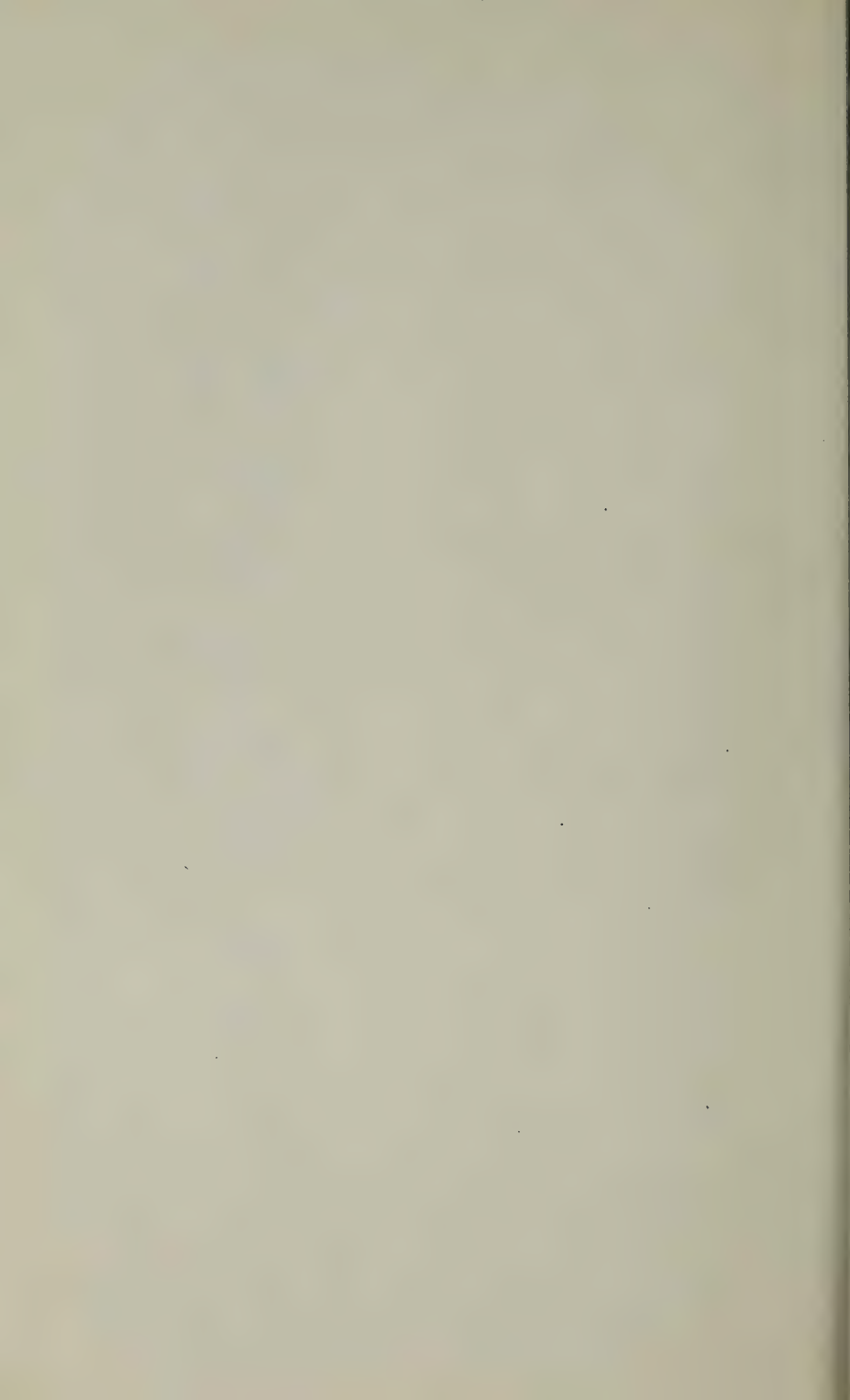
## High School Class.

George W. Alger . . . .	1	Clara B. Leach . . . .	1
Frank Alger . . . .	2	Mary D. Ames . . . .	2
Fred Alger . . . .	1	Clarence Atwell . . . .	3
Eva M. Cole . . . .	1	Eliza Leonard . . . .	1
Arthur W. Pratt . . . .	1	Lida W. Copeland . . . .	1
Ada W. Leach . . . .	1		

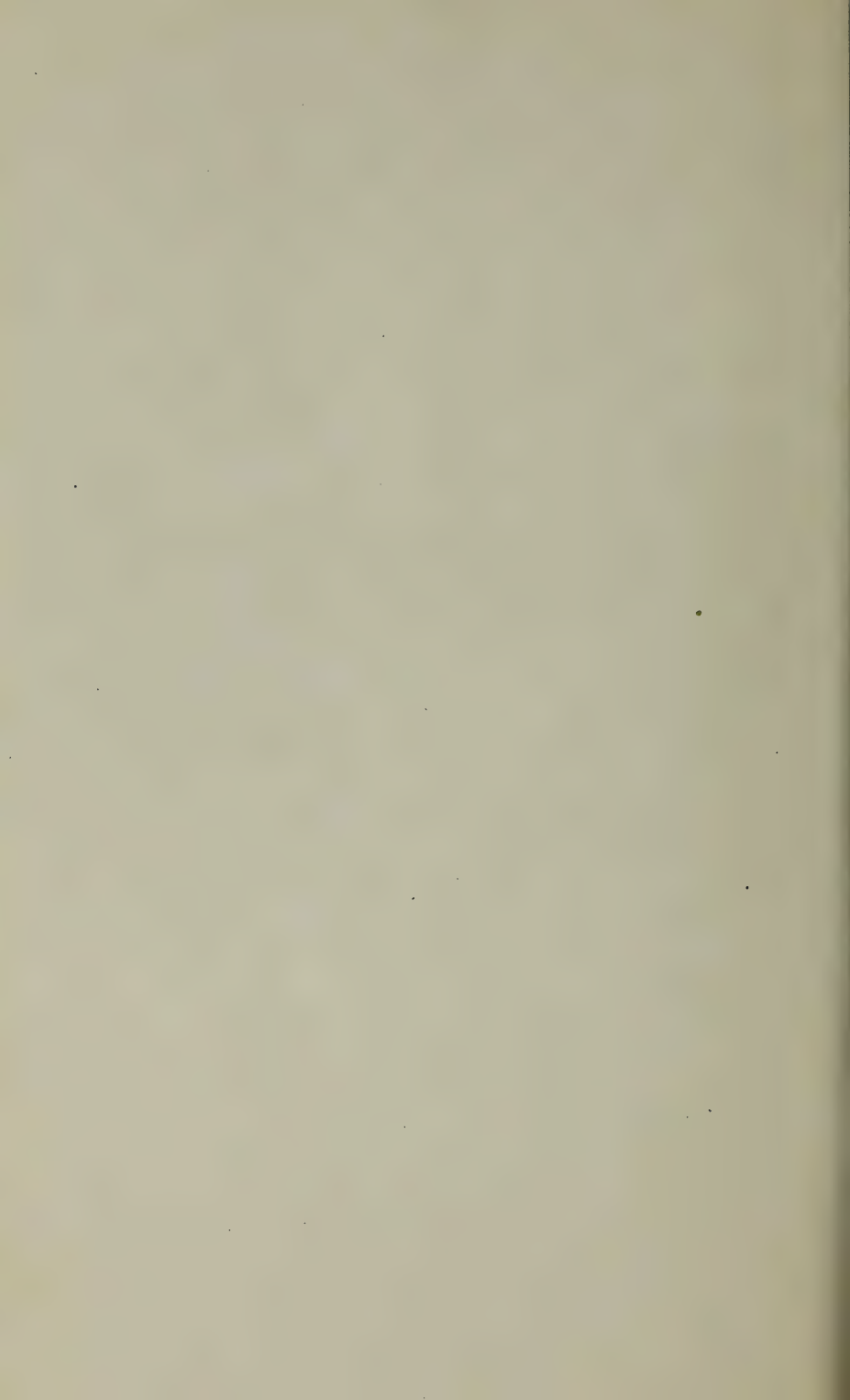
Total, 101. Of this number 73 per cent. have been perfect for one term, 22 per cent. for two terms, and 6 per cent. for three terms.

Table of Statistics.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.			Length of School in months.	Wages of Teachers per month.	Average number of pupils.	Average attend- ance.	Percentage of at- tendance.
COCHESETT GRAMMAR.							
John J. Rackliffe . . .	{ Summer . . . . .		2½	\$44.00	26	23	.88
— Schurz . . .	{ Fall . . . . .		2½	44.00	27	26	.96
— Schurz . . .	{ Winter . . . . .		3	44.00	23	21	.91
COCHESETT PRIMARY.							
Irene S. Wood . . .	{ Summer . . . . .		2½	34.00	45	40	.89
	{ Fall . . . . .		2½	34.00	39	35	.89
	{ Winter . . . . .		3	34.00	40	39	.97½
CENTER GRAMMAR.							
Ralph Barker . . .	{ Summer . . . . .		2½	40.00	16	15	.97
	{ Fall . . . . .		2½	40.00	11	9	.82
	{ Winter . . . . .		3	40.00	11	9	.82
CENTER PRIMARY.							
Edith Snell . . .	{ Summer . . . . .		2½	34.00	31	27	.87
	{ Fall . . . . .		2½	34.00	37	34	.91
	{ Winter . . . . .		3	34.00	34	33	.97
SOUTH INTERMEDIATE.							
M. A. Dewyer . . .	{ Summer . . . . .		2½	36.00	26	23	.88
	{ Fall . . . . .		3	36.00	24	20	.83
	{ Winter . . . . .		2½	36.00	22	18	.77
SOUTH PRIMARY.							
Wealthy Holmes . .	{ Summer . . . . .		2½	34.00	35	30	.85
	{ Fall . . . . .		3	34.00	41	37	.90
	{ Winter . . . . .		2½	34.00	38	34	.88
NORTH CENTER.							
L. M. Toothaker . .	{ Summer . . . . .		2½	34.00	23	23	1.00
	{ Fall . . . . .		2½	34.00	25	21	.84
	{ Winter . . . . .		3	34.00	25	23	.92
NORTH.							
M. B. Wyman . . .	{ Summer . . . . .		2½	36.00	23	21	.91
L. M. Swift . . .	{ Fall . . . . .		2½	34.00	25	23	.92
L. M. Swift . . .	{ Winter . . . . .		3	34.00	24	20	.83
EAST.							
H. E. Wentworth . .	{ Summer . . . . .		2½	36.00	32	27	.84
	{ Fall . . . . .		2½	36.00	37	34	.91
	{ Winter . . . . .		3	36.00	34	32	.92
JERUSALEM.							
Abbie A. Frawley . .	{ Summer . . . . .		2½	34.00	12	10	.80
	{ Fall . . . . .		2½	34.00	10	9	.90
	{ Winter . . . . .		3	34.00	10	9	.90
HIGH SCHOOL CLASS.							
Ralph Barker . . .	{ Summer . . . . .		3	8.50	22	21	.95
	{ Fall . . . . .		3½	50.50	23	21	.91
	{ Winter . . . . .		3½	51.40	20	19	.95









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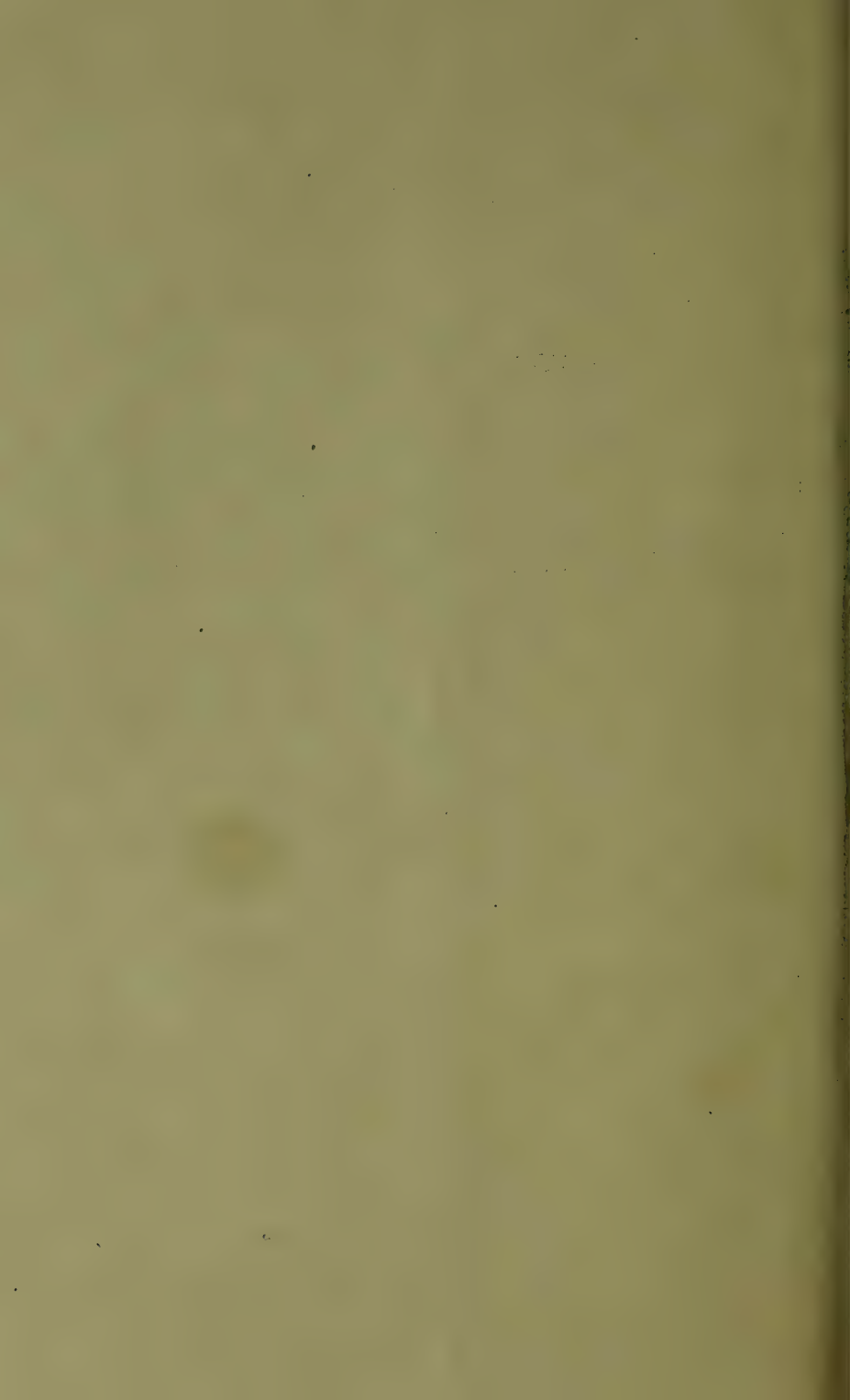
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## TOWN OFFICERS.

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### Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

HENRY COPELAND.

MOLBRY A. RIPLEY.

SAMUEL H. HOWARD.

### Town Clerk.

JAMES HOWARD.

### Collector and Treasurer.

GEORGE M. PRATT.

### School Committee.

J. A. SHORES, *Superintendent.*

LUCIUS DUNBAR, *Chairman.*

ALBERT COPELAND, *Secretary.*

MARCUS F. DELANO.

CLINTON P. HOWARD.

JOSEPH E. RYDER.

WILLIAM A. LINEHAN.

### Surveyors of Highways.

EDWARD TISDALE.

DAVIS COPELAND.

JOHN L. HAYWARD.

### Library Committee.

FRANCIS E. HOWARD.

JAMES HOWARD.

MRS. M. K. CROSBY.

MRS. HENRY COPELAND.

CHARLES R. PACKARD.

MRS. EDWARD TISDALE.

### Constables.

LUCIUS DUNBAR.

ELI WHEELER.

WILLIAM A. LINEHAN.

### Auditors.

HEMAN COPELAND.

SAMUEL N. HOWARD.

BENJAMIN B. HOWARD.

# REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

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## VALUATION

*As Assessed May 1, 1882.*

Value of real estate,	\$717,531 00
"    personal property,	153,206 00
Total,	<u>\$870,737 00</u>

## ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	\$1,040 00
County tax,	1,029 48
Town grant,	9,250 00
Overlaying on taxes,	31 36
Total tax,	<u>\$11,340 84</u>

Rate of tax, \$12.00 per \$1,000. Poll tax, \$2.00.

Number of polls,	451
"    dwelling-houses taxed,	358
"    acres of land,	9,816
"    horses,	316
"    cows,	494
"    sheep,	16

## APPROPRIATIONS.

For support of schools,	\$3,000 00
repairs on school property,	400 00
high school,	500 00
support of poor,	1,300 00
repairing roads,	2,500 00
new roads,	200 00
town officers,	700 00
incidentals,	500 00
public lectures,	100 00
old cemeteries,	50 00
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	\$9,250 00

## TOWN PROPERTY.

Value of town farm,	\$4,000 00
"    personal property,	2,012 22
"    nine school-houses,	11,700 00
"    town library,	2,500 00

HENRY COPELAND,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
MOLBRY A. RIPLEY,	
SAMUEL H. HOWARD.	
	<i>and</i>
	<i>Assessors.</i>



## Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

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### INVENTORY OF ALMSHOUSE, FEB. 1, 1883.

2 oxen,	\$160 00
7 cows,	300 00
1 horse,	140 00
4 swine,	50 00
82 fowls,	65 00
10 tons English hay,	200 00
10 tons meadow hay,	80 00
1 ton rye straw,	15 00
1 ton corn fodder,	5 00
1 ton shorts,	23 00
meal,	3 00
corn and oats,	1 00
6 bushels beans,	18 00
11     "     rye,	7 70
30     "     corn,	30 00
turnips and carrots,	10 00
60 bushels potatoes,	55 00
20     "     mangolds and beets,	10 00
cabbages and onions,	5 00
143 lbs. ham,	20 00
250 lbs. pork,	25 00
50 lbs. beef,	5 00
14 lbs. butter,	4 10
55 lbs. lard,	7 70
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,239 50

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,239 50
salt,	50
crackers,	1 25
flour,	11 25
rye meal,	90
soap,	1 00
pickles,	3 00
grass seed,	2 50
groceries and fish,	4 50
express wagon,	35 00
2 tip carts,	80 00
2 hay carts,	40 00
1 cart harness,	10 00
2 other harnesses,	20 00
1 pung,	12 00
robes and blankets,	4 00
4 meat barrels,	4 00
sled and drag,	6 00
wheelbarrow,	5 00
2 ox yokes,	5 00
mowing machine, rake and harrow,	100 00
farming tools,	50 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ ton coal,	4 00
boards,	45 00
shingles,	2 50
manure and ashes,	100 00
5 stoves,	40 00
1 bureau, 15 chairs, 4 tables and 7 bedsteads,	42 00.
tin ware,	15 00
crockery and stoneware,	15 00
glassware, lantern and lamps,	7 00
knives, forks and spoons,	3 00
2 churns,	5 00
3 butter trays and stamps,	7 00
3 tubs and clothes wringer,	7 50

*Amount carried forward,*

\$1,928 40

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,928 40
bed and bedding,	60 00
linen and towels,	6 00
17 yds. cotton cloth,	2 00
9 window screens,	4 50
steelyards,	1 32
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	\$2,002 22
 Inventory for 1882,	 \$1,723 60

#### RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

*James C. Leighton, as Warden, from February, 1882, to  
February, 1883:*

Received for milk,	\$308 30
butter,	109 30
eggs,	83 81
poultry,	55 09
vegetables,	33 38
hogs,	48 70
calves,	22 88
pigs,	42 50
hay,	51 93
horse,	28 00
oxen,	365 00
cows,	100 00
old wheels,	15 00
wood,	42 75
premium on butter, etc.,	8 50
work off farm,	110 65
board,	28 00
boards,	227 22
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$1,681 01</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,681 01
Received for entertaining tramps,	8 50
attending with hearse,	22 00
Increase in inventory,	278 62
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	\$1,990 13
Of the above, there is due the house,	279 14

## EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for groceries,	\$278 92
flour,	95 00
grain,	445 96
meat,	127 53
fish,	20 88
crackers,	7 70
clothing and bedding,	101 36
boots and shoes,	28 80
household utensils,	13 50
labor,	153 30
black-smithing,	32 23
farming tools,	15 45
stock, two yokes oxen,	288 00
1 hog,	16 00
grass and garden seeds,	16 11
fertilizers,	17 61
repairs on wagon,	19 25
sawing lumber,	7 04
soap,	8 00
coal,	4 00
salt,	4 00
pung,	17 50
use of stock,	6 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,724 14

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,724 14	
Paid for butchering,	8 75	
2 cows,	87 00	
1 cow,	56 00	
1 horse,	150 00	
bill to Howard & Caldwell,	14 00	
James C. Leighton's salary for one year,	300 00	
cash drawn from treasury for warden's use on farm,	322 80	
Total expenditures during year,	————	\$2,662 69
Total receipts during year,		1,990 13
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Total expense of poor in house,		672 56
Total expense of poor out of almshouse,		722 41
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Total expense of poor,		\$1,394 97

NAMES OF PERSONS SUPPORTED IN THE ALMSHOUSE  
DURING THE YEAR 1882.

Galen Howard, age 75,	52 weeks.
Michael Ryan, " 35,	52 "
Henry Packard, " 16,	44 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Fred Packard, " 10,	52 "
Esrom Morse, " 9,	52 "
Mary A. Morse, " 6,	52 "
Chloe Field, " 84,	17 "
Albert Staples, " 40,	52 "
Mrs. Fadden, " 64,	2 "
Discharged during the year, 1.	
Died during the year, 1.	
Average number during the year, 7 $\frac{11}{52}$ .	
Average cost per week, 1.79 $\frac{44}{125}$ .	
Number of Tramps, 17.	

## EXPENSE OF POOR OUT OF THE HOUSE.

Help to Warren Corbet,	\$32 00
“ Mrs. Harriet Mansfield, care and physician,	86 11
“ Mrs. Jemima Howard, board,	161 00
“ John Reeves, physician,	8 00
“ Frank Fadden, Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	76 27
“ Stranger, clothing and care,	3 50
“ Fred Leonard, supplies and physician,	101 80
“ Joseph Morse, supplies,	7 50
“ William Durgan, groceries and doctor's bill,	73 70
“ T. Fisher, supplies,	16 00
“ William Smith, supplies,	37 00
“ Geo. Frye, groceries, coal and doctor's bill,	52 28
“ Martha Conwall, wood and doctor's bill,	17 00
“ Poor children, for school books,	10 10
Paid Dr. J. C. Swan for medical attendance,	13 00
“ Dr. Delano, “ “	5 15
“ Elihu Leonard, for digging grave,	2 00
“ Shaw & Rice, for supplies,	20 00
Total paid,	<hr/> \$722 41
Due from Stoughton for W. Corbet,	\$32 00
“ Braintree for Mrs. H. Mansfield,	86 11
“ Bridgewater for M. Conwall,	17 00
“ Wareham for Geo. Frye,	52 28
“ State for William Durgan,	73 70
Received of Milo Howard,	40 00
Total Receipts,	<hr/> \$301 09

HENRY COPELAND,	} Overseers of the Poor.
MOLBRY A. RIPLEY,	
SAMUEL H. HOWARD,	



# REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE ROADS.

Appropriation for roads and bridges,	\$2,500 00
Amount expended,	2,615 00
Appropriation for new roads,	200 00
Amount expended,	125 00

For a more extended account of the condition of the roads, we refer you to the report of the road commissioners.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS.

Appropriation for 1882,	\$3,000 00
Appropriation for high school,	500 00
State school fund,	232 12
Subscription,	41 50— 3773 63
Amount expended,	4018 64
Appropriation for school repairs,	400 00
Amount expended,	598 35

## OLD CEMETERIES.

Appropriation,	\$50 00
Expenditures at Jerusalem and Pine Hill cemeteries,	15 76

## INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

A. T. Jones, printing reports,	\$78 00
F. E. Howard, town hall rent,	75 00
Timothy Dewyer, gravel,	18 32
Daniel Perkins, office rent,	18 00
S. A. Hayward, insurance,	50 00
David Paul, highway damage,	85 00
James C. Leighton, repairing hearse,	22 50
C. W. Copeland, gravel,	17 40
William B. Ames, posts,	7 30
Samuel D. Bartlett, tolling bell, etc.,	11 50
George Shaw, tolling bell,	2 50
Selectmen's travelling expenses,	33 10
William H. Jennings, as Justice of Peace, and filling blanks,	5 61
Howard & Clark,	14 25
James Howard,	1 44
Selectmen's book, stationary, etc.,	9 10
George M. Pratt,	18 66
Davis Copeland, gravel,	5 40
O. Ames & Sons,	1 25
Albert Copeland,	8 50
Elihu Leonard,	2 00
Total,	<hr/> \$484 83
Appropriation for 1882,	500 00

## TOWN OFFICERS.

James Howard, town clerk,	\$39 23
J. A. Shores, superintendent of schools,	125 50
Henry Copeland, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	187 00
Molbry A. Ripley, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	98 00
S. H. Howard, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	52 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$501 73

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$501 73	
George M. Pratt, collector,	150 00	
Charles R. Packard,	2 00	
Albert Copeland, school committee,	14 50	
Eli Wheeler, constable,	10 50	
William A. Linehan, constable and suppression of crime,	53 75	
Lucius Dunbar, constable and suppression of crime,	10 75	
William H. Jennings, constable, suppression of crime,	4 00	
Total,	—	\$747 23
Appropriation for 1882,		700 00

## STATE AID.

The following named persons have received state and military aid :

James P. Gallagher,	\$72 00
Charles T. Morse,	54 00
Francis W. Wood,	54 00
Patrick Dorgan,	72 00
John A. Freese,	54 00
William H. Jennings,	48 00
Lucius Dunbar,	72 00
Bradford Packard,	63 00
William A. Linehan,	36 00
Benjamin Phillips,	30 00
Charles E. Churchill,	54 00
Ellis R. Holbrook,	15 00
Thomas R. Alexander and wife,	42 50
Mary E. Howard,	48 00
Mary E. Kingman,	48 00
Salome Stetson,	48 00
Lucinda S. Lothrop,	48 00
Hannah R. Stanley,	48 00
Harriett S. Bouldry,	48 00
Mary J. Reeves,	48 00
Amelia H. Gilmore,	48 00
James S. Card,	24 00

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\$1,074 50

## MILITARY AID.

Timothy W. Fisher,	\$16 00
William B. Smith,	48 00
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	\$1,138 50

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury Feb. 1, 1882,	\$2,524 16
Mark Dunbar, to note,	500 00
Francis Dunbar,	1,200 00
F. E. Howard, to note,	500 00
H. H. Whitman, to note,	800 00
Molbry A. Ripley, to note,	200 00
H. C. Pratt, to note,	100 00
Henry Copeland, to note,	100 00
Molbry A. Ripley, to note,	100 00
Henry Copeland, to note,	600 00
Balance of corporation tax,	70 25
Bank tax,	802 26
Received from Milo Howard,	40 00
Subscription for High school,	41 50
Tax for 1882,	11,376 15
Corporation tax,	645 32
J. C. Leighton, to note,	200 00
Old State aid,	18 00
State aid,	860 50
Military aid,	63 00
Income from State school fund,	232 12
Six per cent. on 1881 taxes received after Oct. 15, 1881,	138 00
Redemption of W. E. Bird's tax and expenses,	5 50
Old stove,	1 10
Dog fund,	224 16
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	\$21,342 02

## EXPENDITURES OF TREASURY.

State tax,	\$1,040 00
County tax,	1,029 48
F. E. Howard, note and interest,	508 00
Francis Dunbar, note and interest,	1,227 00
Henry H. Whitman, note and interest,	807 00
Henry Copeland, note and interest,	722 08
Molbry A. Ripley, note and interest,	206 00
Mark Dunbar, note and interest,	526 25
Discount on taxes for 1882,	682 57
Abatement of taxes,	108 88
Library,	317 55
Incidentals,	484 83
Town officers,	747 23
Support of schools,	4,018 64
School repairs,	598 35
Poor out of House,	722 40
Town farm,	779 80
Highways,	2,737 68
State aid,	1,074 50
Military aid,	64 00
Old cemeteries,	15 76
Howard lectures,	100 00
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	\$18,518 40
Balance in treasury,	2,823 62
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	\$21,342 02

GEORGE M. PRATT, *Treasurer.*

## CONDITION OF TREASURY.

Cash on hand,	\$1,273 62
Uncollected taxes,	1,550 00
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	\$2,823 62
Due from State for state aid furnished,	1,074 50
“ “ military aid furnished,	64 00
“ Stoughton,	32 00
“ Braintree,	86 11
“ Bridgewater,	17 00
“ Wareham,	52 28
“ State for state paupers,	73 70
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In favor of treasury,	\$1,399 59
There is also in the hands of the treasurer be- longing to the library, the East Bridgewater Savings Bank book of about	\$787 00

## AUDITORS' ACCOUNT.

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the treasurer of West Bridgewater for the year ending February 1, 1883, and have found them properly cast and vouched for.

HEMAN COPELAND,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
BENJAMIN HOWARD,	
S. N. HOWARD,	



## LIST OF JURORS FOR 1883.

As prepared by the Selectmen.

Herbert Alger,	Charles T. Howard,
Charles Atwell,	Benjamin B. Howard,
Horace Bartlett,	Wallace C. Keith,
Davis Copeland,	William A. Linehan,
Henry Copeland,	John A. Millett,
Heman Copeland,	George M. Pratt,
Lucius Dunbar,	Japhet Packard,
Edward W. Hayward,	Sylvester Rice,
Linus E. Hayward,	William F. Ryder,
Jonas G. Hartwell,	Justin W. Richards,
Frank Copeland,	Erland Thayer,
James Howard,	Henry N. Thayer,
Clinton P. Howard,	Thomas P. Ripley,
Francis E. Howard,	Leavitt T. Howard,
Abiel Washburn,	Samuel L. Ryder.

## WE RECOMMEND THE TOWN TO APPROPRIATE:

For the support of the poor,	\$1,300 00
support of schools,	3,000 00
school repairs and school incidentals,	400 00
highways,	2,500 00
town officers,	700 00
town incidentals,	600 00
public lectures,	100 00
repairing old cemeteries,	50 00
memorial services,	50 00

The next annual town meeting will be held on Monday,  
the 12th day of March next, at 1 o'clock, P. M., 1883.

HENRY COPELAND,	} <i>Selectmen,</i>
MOLBRY A. RIPLEY,	
SAMUEL H. HOWARD,	
	<i>Assessors and</i>
	<i>Overseers of Poor.</i>

West Bridgewater, February 1, 1883.

## REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

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We have endeavored to expend the appropriation for the roads where it was most needed, and in such a manner as would give the best results for the amount expended, taking in consideration the future as well as the present condition and use of the roads.

In regard to new roads, we viewed the private way leading from Main to George street, where we were petitioned to lay out a road, but did not, as we could not obtain sufficient land of the abutters to make a street of proper width without expense to the town.

We have laid out a road as petitioned for, north of C. N. Martin's, and have expended the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars towards building it. We recommend that the remainder of the appropriation for new roads be expended on this road.

A request has been made to us to call attention to the following bridges: The one known as Larkin's bridge is narrow and inconvenient; the bridge near Edward Hayward's is very narrow; and the one near Nathan Alger's is so located as to make a bad crook in the road.

We also call attention to the narrow and dangerous condition of Main street in the swamp, between Campello and Pine Hill cemetery.

## GUIDE BOARDS.

The Road Commissioners recommend that guide boards be maintained at the following places:

Joshua T. Ryder's,	Molbry A. Ripley's,
Justin W. Richard's,	James Alger's furnace,
Joseph Kingman's,	Cyrus P. Brown's,
Lewis Ryder's,	Joseph Alger's,
Pine Hill cemetery,	Barnabas Dunbar's,
Charles Howard's,	Stillman W. Hersey's,
West of almshouse,	Dwelley Forbes's,
Edmund Gerry's,	Benjamin Howard's,
Pardon Copeland's,	George Wilbur's,
North Center school-house,	John B. Holmes's,
Heman Copeland's,	G. R. Drake's store,
Nahum Leonard's,	Center post-office,
J. Q. Hartwell's,	Gardner's corner,
John Walker's, (2,)	Waldo Howard's.

## STATEMENT.

Balance of appropriation for 1881, unexpended	
February 1, 1882,	\$697 73
Appropriation for 1882,	2,500 00
Total,	\$3,197 73
<i>Expended:</i>	

Clearing roads of snow, Feb. 1882,	\$398 31
" " Jan. 1883,	54 45
Repairs on roads and bridges,	2,163 12
	<hr/> 2,615 88
Balance unexpended,	\$581 85
Appropriation for new roads,	\$200 00
Amount expended,	125 00
	<hr/> \$75 00
Balance unexpended,	\$75 00

DAVIS COPELAND.	} <i>Road Commissioners.</i>
EDWARD TISDALE.	
JOHN L. HAYWARD.	

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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There has been added to the library by purchase during the past year, 121 bound volumes and 9 periodical magazines, and a donation from W. Latham, Esq., of Bridgewater, of a copy of his new book, entitled "Epitaphs, Bridgewater." A very interesting book for reference to those persons who are descendants of the original settlers of the old town, and has data by which they may connect the historical parts and epitaphs therein with places and families of the present time. Said volume may be consulted at the rooms on the days which the library is open.

The following exhibit will show the receipts and expenses for the library for the year prior to January 31st, 1883 :

Received of Town Treasurer the proceeds of the	
dog tax, dividend for 1881,	£200 79
Also from the library fund,	74 21
Received on the original subscriptions,	2 00
“ for sale of catalogues, cards, etc.,	7 65
“ “ fines by delinquents,	19 42
Total receipts,	£304 07

## EXPENSES PAID.

To	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	\$102 23	
	S. A. Rich, subscription for 9 magazines,	29 00	
For	a copy of Webster's Dictionary,	13 50	
	binding books,	13 65	
	printing,	10 50	
	insurance on the library,	12 00	
	fuel and other current expenses of the room,	17 55	
	librarian's salary,	99 50	
To	J. Burrell for rent of his room, April to November, 1881,	5 00	
	Total expenses for the year,	\$302 93	
	Balance in the treasurer's hands,	1 14	
			\$304 07

By the librarian's memoranda it appears that the average weekly distribution of books from the library during the last year has been about 122 volumes, divided among the various classes of subject matter in the following ratio, viz: Fiction, about 58 per cent.; juvenile, about 19 per cent.; travels, about 3 per cent.; humorous and biography, about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. each; general literature, 2 per cent.; magazines, about 7 per cent.; and all other classes combined, about 5 per cent.

The Trustees propose making an addition to the library soon, consisting principally of standard works on different subjects, thereby augmenting its permanent value, and which will make an additional draft upon the funds of the library.

They also recommend that the town shall make an appropriation to meet the current expenses of the Public Library.

They think it cannot consistently do less than to appropriate the income of the dog tax annually for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HOWARD,

*For the Trustees of the Public Library.*

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

### *Marriages Recorded in West Bridgewater in 1882.*

- March 29. Frank Hayward and Maria White, both of West  
Bridgewater.
- August 6. Sumner B. Churchill, of West Bridgewater, and  
Sarah B. Barnes, of Brockton.
- Sept. 6. George B. Freeman, of Mansfield, and Carrie  
E. Evans, of West Bridgewater.
- Nov. 1. Charles Everett Packard and Eugenia Emine  
Young, both of West Bridgewater.
- Nov. 11. Ernest W. Lindsey, of West Bridgewater, and  
Elizabeth H. Gurney, of East Bridgewater.
- Nov. 12. James Copeland, of West Bridgewater, and  
Martha A. Warner, of Taunton.
- Nov. 24. Lucius R. Churchill, of West Bridgewater, and  
Cora J. Pool, of East Bridgewater.
- Dec. 27. Frank S. Tisdale and Mariott K. Packard, both  
of West Bridgewater.
- Dec. 30. Thomas M. Alexander and Matha E. Price,  
both of West Bridgewater.



## Births Recorded in the Town of West Bridgewater in 1882.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1882.			
January 19	Elton H. Beals.	Male.	George C. and Fanny Beals.
February 15	William A. Wilson.	"	William H. and Mary E. Wilson.
March 9	Charles Horatio Shaw.	"	Horatio S. and Olive B. Shaw.
" 17	Peter Hagan.	"	Peter and Mary A. Hagan.
" 24	Lulu Bernice Penpraes.	Female.	William and Catherine Penpraes.
April 6	Annie S. Winberg.	"	August and Sophia Winberg.
May 1	Catherine E. Lynch.	"	Daniel and Joanna Lynch.
" 12	Henry Payson Ryder.	Male.	William F. and Ellen W. Ryder.
June 2	Peter Keenan.	"	Peter and Mary Keenan.
" 23	Arthur F. Weston.	"	Hiram E. and Mary F. Weston.
" 24	Robert Quinlan.	"	Patrick and Margaret Quinlan.
" 24	Roy Sutherland Planche.	"	Henry and Jennie Planche.
July 23	James Galvin.	"	Michael and Anna Galvin.
August 21	Cornelia Clark Barker.	Female.	Ralph and Eugenia F. Barker.
September 9	Waldo A. Groves.	Male.	Henry D. and Jenny F. Groves.
" 20	Warren A. Linehan.	"	William A. and Joanna Linehan.
October 4	Edward I. Pittsley.	"	Samuel H. and Sophia A. Pittsley.
" 7	James Norcross.	Male.-Illegitimate	— Nellie Norcross.
" 13	Augusta Swanson.	Female.	Alfred and Anna Swanson.
" 15	Philip Kent.	Male.	Philip and Margaret Kent.
" 17	Georgianna Ames.	Female.	William B. and Annie C. Ames.
" 24	Eveline Alice Hayward.	"	George E. and Susan A. Hayward.
" 28	— Burk.	"	Charles E. and Clara A. Burk.
November 3	Charles D. Cunningham.	Male.	John W. and Mary Cunningham.

## Deaths Registered in the Town of West Bridgewater in 1882.

Date of Death.	Name of Deceased.	Age.		Place of Birth.	Disease.	Names of Parents.
1882.		Y.	M.	D.		
Jan. 13	Henry W. Perkins	86	2	4	Old age and debility	Daniel and Bathsheba Perkins.
" 23	Pardon Copeland	78	10	16	Pneumonia	Salmon and Betsey Copeland.
Feb. 22	Jason A. Kelly	79	6	6	Consumption	John and Rachel Kelly.
" 28	Abbie A. Howard	53	8	9	Cancer	Albe and Louisa Howard.
Mar. 2	George D. Ryder	63	14	14	Pneumonia & consum'n	Samuel and Annie Ryder.
" 6	Rebecca Dunbar	75	8	24	Dropsy	Jerathuel Hayward (the father).
" 16	William Dunn	45	8	19	Consumption	William and Elizabeth Dunn.
" 21	Joseph W. Howland	18	8	19	Quick consumption	John and Clarissa K. Howland.
Apr. 2	James W. Dean	47	4	18	Asphyxia	William and Eliza Dean.
May 20	Cyrus P. Brown	58	1	27	Chronic Hepatitis	Daniel E. and Chloe Brown.
June 3	Chastina S. Towle	73	6	7	Dementia	Daniel and Mary Morse.
" 21	Chloe Field	82	1	16	Old age	Barzillai and Martha Field.
July 19	Frank B. Howard	29	2	12	Accidental drowning	Geo. L. and Ro-anna P. Howard.
" 24	Harry Payson Ryder	29	3	12	Internal canker	William F. and Ellen W. Ryder.
" 26	John S. Kelley	29	3	12	Consumption	Stephen and Ann Kelley.
Aug. 6	James Conlon	26	10	24	Consumption	Owen and Ann Conlon.
" 10	Aaron Millett	73	1	15	Paralysis & Apoplexy	Zebulon and Deliverance Millett.
" 12	Eugene Sullivan	3	7	20	Worms and fever	Philip and Mary Sullivan.
" 15	Mary L. Howard	65	10	5	Toralsis	Perez and Mary Williams.
" 23	Dora J. Howland	8	2	15	Cerebral Meningitis	John and Clarissa K. Howland.
Sept. 4	Helen C. Pratt	48	7	25	Nervous Prostration & Phthisis   Monomania	Jonathan and Hannah Copeland.
Oct. 9	Jeremiah Donaher	25	4	20	Diphtheria and Croup	Michael and Margaret Donaher.
" 15	George A. Clark	2	3	1	Congestion of Brain	Otis S. and Mary Clark.
" 21	Bertha V. Groves	31	4	10	Phthisis	Henry D. and Jennie F. Groves.
Nov. 15	Joseph H. Jennings	61	3	10	Pneumonia	Wm. H. and Harriet M. Jennings.
" 30	Charles A. Keith	59	4	12	Uremia	Austin and Melitable Keith.
Dec. 4	Nancy N. Bratnard	78	11	17	Catarrhal fever & old age	Ephraim Sampson.
" 16	Francis Copeland	44	9	17	Pneumonia	Asa and Persia Copeland.
" 27	Charles A. Phillips	44	9	17	Old Age	Antonio Phillips.
" 28	Ellen Clarke	93				David and Alice Doney.

JAMES HOWARD, Town Clerk.

# Report of the School Committee.

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In conformity to law the school committee of the town of West Bridgewater hereby submit their annual report:

## ORGANIZATION.

Lucius Dunbar.                      Clinton P. Howard.  
Terms expire, 1883.

Joseph E. Ryder.                      Albert Copeland.  
Terms expire, 1884.

William A. Linehan.                      Marcus F. Delano.  
Terms expire 1885.

The board organized by the choice of Lucius Dunbar chairman, and Albert Copeland secretary. The schools were assigned to the committee as follows:

East to Mr. Ryder.

South to Mr. Howard.

Centre to Mr. Dunbar.

Cochesett to Mr. Delano.

Jerusalem to Mr. Linehan.

North and North Centre to Mr. Copeland.

Chose J. A. Shores superintendent of schools.

Chose J. E. Ryder, C. P. Howard and M. F. Delano a committee on repairs.

Chose Messrs. Delano and Copeland truant officers.

Chose Mr. Dunbar to employ the teachers for High school.

Chose Mr. Copeland to act with the superintendent in the examination of candidates who wish to enter the High school.

### CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS.

The financial year of the schools ends with the fall term; the school year, as reported to the secretary of the board of education, ends with the winter term; thus in our reports to the town the winter terms have been but partially reported. For this report the school year corresponds to the financial year, and the last winter terms being in part twice reported. The schools have, as far as practicable, remained in charge of the same teachers who had charge of them at our last report, and thus has the efficiency and uniformity been promoted. The changes have been as follows:

Miss Frawley has been transferred to the East, in place of Mr. Wentworth, resigned; Miss Tinkham succeeding Miss Frawley in the Jerusalem. In separating the High school class from the Centre Grammar, Mr. Barker went with the High School to the Howard Seminary building; Mr. Gardner succeeding Mr. Barker in the Centre grammar.

Although our schools can never attain to that degree of excellence that we could wish, yet in looking over the past year's work we can see that it has been a gain over previous years. The teachers have been diligent and faithful in their work, and in most cases have been sustained by the parents and patrons of the schools; of course, there have been some cases where injudicious parents have attempted to step in between pupils and teachers, but the committee have been prompt to stand by the teachers and sustain them in maintaining proper order and discipline, in most cases with satisfactory results. For a definite and detailed report of the work done in the schools, we call your attention to the report of the superintendent of schools, which accompanies this report.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

It will be remembered that in the last report of the superintendent, he suggested the separation of the High school class from the Centre Grammar, and that both might be ben-



effitted thereby; and that at the last annual meeting of the town a representative of the trustees holding the Howard funds appeared and proposed that if the town would raise \$500 for the support of the High school, the trustees would find a building to accommodate the school, and furnish such other support as might be needed to carry the school through the year, and thought they might assume its entire support. The town accepted the offer, and the High school was transferred to the Howard building, where it has since been in successful operation. The course of teaching has been systematic and thorough, and the progress made creditable to pupils and teacher. The trustees have lately issued a prospectus for the opening of the Howard Seminary, on the 5th of September next, free to all the inhabitants of the town. It is hoped that the youth of the town will not be backward in availing themselves of the facilities which this institution offers to obtain the basis of a good education.

#### CONDITION OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

The committee confided the repairs, and in this department of their work, to a sub-committee on repairs. At the East improvements have been made in the system of ventilation. At Cochesett the primary school-room has been enlarged and improved, and apparatus introduced for ventilating the whole building; the roof has been shingled and house put in partial repairs. At Jerusalem a well has been dug and means used to use the water, which with other minor repairs and furnishings have considerably exceeded the appropriation made for this purpose.

The committee on repairs have examined the school property relative to the needs for the ensuing year, and recommend that the East house be shingled and repairs made at an estimated cost of \$75; an outbuilding and repairs at the North at a cost of \$120; at the South repairs to cost \$125; at Cochesett, \$35; for repairs at the Centre, \$30; for repairing black-boards where needed, \$100, and \$100 for miscellaneous repairs and furnishings, amounting to a total of \$580. And therefore recommend that the town raise \$600 for repairs and furnishings for the ensuing year.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid teachers for common schools,	\$2,931 21
“ “ of High school,	661 00
“ for fuel, care of houses and incidentals,	336 97
“ balance to East Bridgewater.	89 54
Total,	<hr/> \$4,018 72

## RECEIPTS.

Town grant, 1882,	\$3,000 00
“ “ High school,	500 00
Massachusetts school fund,	232 12
Remainder of appropriation for High school class, 1881,	119 50
Subscriptions for High school class,	41 60
Total,	<hr/> \$3,893 12
Overdrawn from treasury,	125 60
	<hr/> \$4018 72

*Expenditures for Repairs.*

Paid for repairs and alterations at East,	\$59 57
“ “ “ Cochesett,	403 93
“ well, pump, etc., at Jerusalem,	63 00
“ small repairs and furnishings,	67 65
	<hr/> \$594 15

*Receipts.*

Town grant, 1882,	\$400 00
Overdrawn from treasury,	194 15
	<hr/> \$594 15

We recommend that the town raise the sum of \$3000 for the support of schools the ensuing year, which with the \$600 asked for repairs, will be \$325 less than asked last



year, and \$300 less than the town voted. These sums, if proper economy and care are exercised, should be enough to defray the cost of the schools without overdrawing from the treasury.

There were on the first day of May last 324 scholars in the town. The terms of service to which Messrs. Dunbar and Howard were elected expires with the present school year. Therefore at the next annual meeting of the town there must be elected two members of the board of school committee for three years. All of which is respectfully submitted.

LUCIUS DUNBAR,	} <i>School Committee.</i>
CLINTON P. HOWARD,	
M. F. DELANO,	
WILLIAM A. LINEHAN,	
ALBERT COPELAND,	
J. E. RYDER,	

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

### TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

*Gentlemen*—The schools have nearly completed another successful year. There have been no very marked or sudden changes, but a gradual improvement. There is more uniformity in the teaching, the standard of scholarship has advanced, and the order has been more generally good.

Eight of the schools began the year with the same teachers as last year. The discipline and rapid progress of these schools show the wisdom of retaining good teachers as long as possible. The work of a teacher is worth more the second year than the first, and ought to increase in value each year.

The High school in its large and beautiful room has made steady progress. Every one who will visit the school and become acquainted with the faithful work there performed, by both teacher and pupils, will be convinced that the town acted wisely in supporting the school this year. But this is not all; the influence of the school has been felt in all of the lower schools. The teachers have a more definite purpose, and the interest and ambition of the pupils have been aroused to prepare for a higher school.

The changing of the High school to the Howard seminary building was very beneficial to the Center schools. There were enough of the advanced pupils to make a good grammar school, and the crowded primary school thus reduced in numbers has been changed from the most difficult to one of the pleasantest schools in the town.

Last year the Cochesett primary was crowded, but a class was sent up stairs in the spring, and the room enlarged. The character of the school has changed. The teaching is good, the discipline excellent. Both of these primary teachers labored last year under great disadvantages, but this year have shown what they can do under more favorable circumstances.

The Center grammar school has done good work, and has been very quiet and orderly.

In the East, the teacher has shown the same good qualities in managing a large school as the small one at Jerusalem.

In the spring term the teacher at Jerusalem lost the control of the school, but regained it in the fall term. The school appears well this term, though at each of my visits there have been only three or four pupils present.

The Cochesett grammar school lost a valuable teacher in Mr. Schurch, but it seems to be making progress this term, and there has been less friction and complaint than I anticipated.

Meetings of the teachers were held during the spring and fall terms, according to your vote. These were well attended by most of the teachers. It was not my purpose to dictate any particular methods of teaching, but to discuss the different ways and leave each teacher free to select those by which she could do the best work. Teachers must not rest on past laurels, and those satisfied with their present attainments are no longer fit to teach. Most of the teachers have realized these truths, and have tested in their own schools the suggestions of others.

Free-hand drawing has been successfully introduced into several of the schools. As no system has been adopted by the committee, the teachers have used such books as they could easily obtain. I should prefer to see the elements, at least, taught from the black-board, but as all of the teachers may not be competent to do that, it would be well to adopt some system for all of the schools. In this, as in every new thing, we are too apt to be impatient for results. Pupils write year after year, and if there is a little improvement, all are satisfied; but teachers and pupils are discouraged over the first term's drawing books. Only time and practice will give the pupil an accurate eye and the control of his hand.

Scholars will make more progress in penmanship by giving two-fifths of the time usually devoted to this exercise to drawing.

I believe in the judicious use of text books, and that pupils should begin early to study and to learn how to get knowledge from books, but the elements of most of the studies should be taught orally, and oral instruction should

be a part of every recitation through the whole course. This not only gives interest to the recitation, but enables the teacher to make it of some practical value to the pupil.

True teaching gives ideas first, and then language to express them. It looks beyond words and seeks the thought, and then returns to words to express the thought. I have been much pleased with the efforts of some of the teachers to make the pupils understand the thought in their reading lessons, and to express it in a natural manner. Many pupils are reading in books far above their comprehension. They have become familiar with a lower reader, and need something new. The teacher puts them into a higher reader. They do not need more difficult reading, but more of the same kind. Our school reading books do not give one-fifth of the amount that ought to be read before pupils advance to the next higher book. This want is supplied in many schools by collateral reading. Books and papers are now prepared for that purpose.

I would place the study of grammar late in the course, but the study of language must begin as soon as the pupil enters the school. This must be taught orally, and success will depend upon the skill and perseverance of the teacher. The efforts of the three primary teachers to have their pupils use correct language and to express their ideas in their own words, are worthy of commendation.

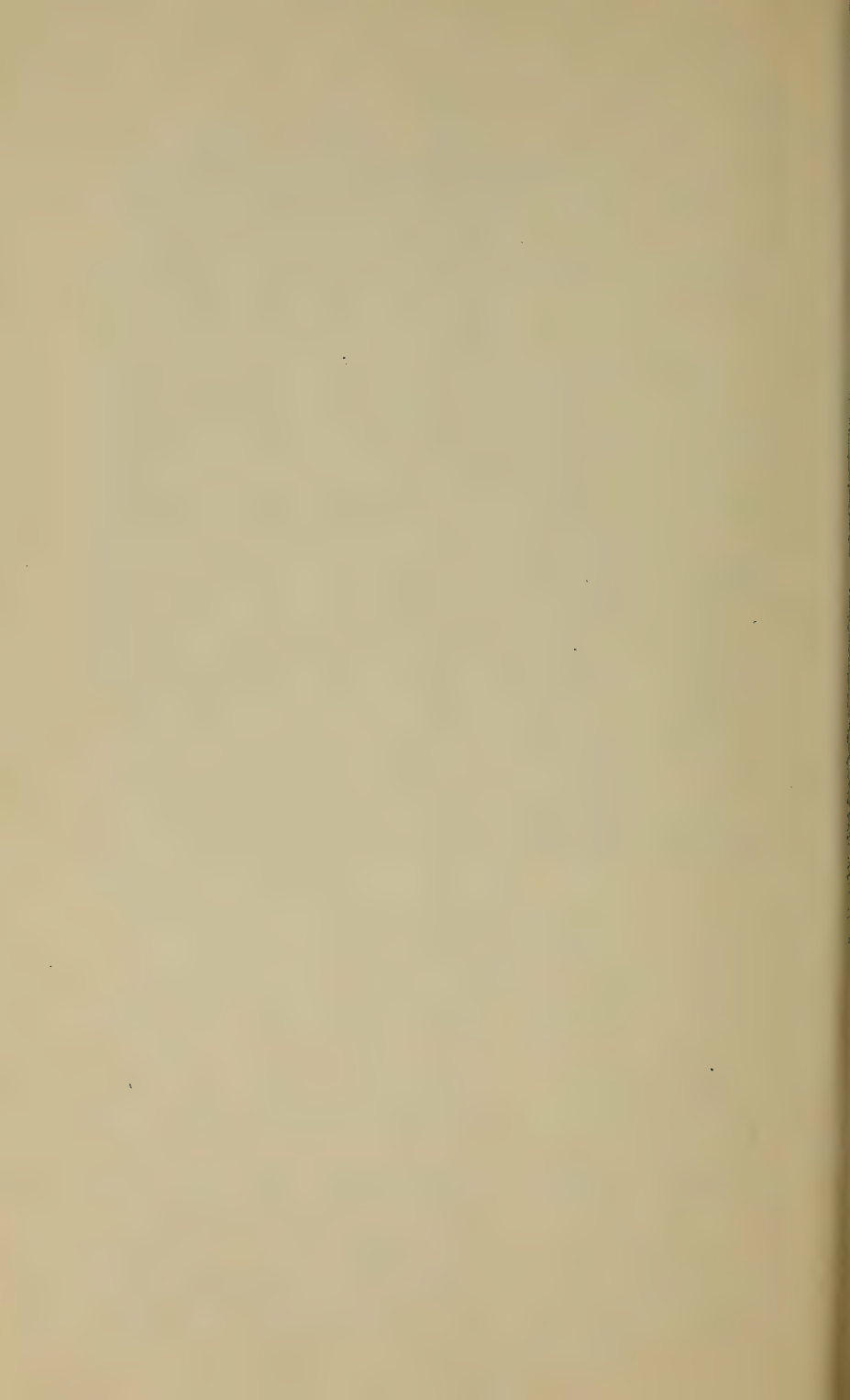
The course of study that you adopted last spring has been followed by the schools as far as practicable. It will need some changes to meet the higher standard of the Howard seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SHORES, *Supt. of Schools.*

Table of Statistics.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.		Length of Schools in Months.	Wages of Teachers per Month.	Average Number of Pupils.	Average Attend- ance.	Percentage of Attendance.	Number who were Neither Absent nor Tardy.
COCHESETT GRAMMAR.							
E. Schurz, . . .	Winter. . .	3	\$44 00	26	23	.88	2
	Summer. . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	44 00	32.5	29.5	.93 8	5
	Fall. . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	44 00	25.33	25 25	.99 6	8
COCHESETT PRIMARY.							
Irene S. Wood, . .	Winter. . .	3	34 00	40	39	.97.5	8
	Summer. . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 00	28.33	22.5	.79	12
	Fall. . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 00	28.33	23.68	.83	3
CENTRE GRAMMAR.							
Ralph Barker, . .	Winter. . .	3	40 00	16	15	.97	
	Summer. . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 00	21.6	18.75	.86 8	2
	Fall. . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 00	22	18.9	.85 9	2
CENTRE PRIMARY.							
Edith Snell, . . .	Winter. . .	3	34 00	34	33	.97	10
	Summer. . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 00	23.61	20.76	.88.3	7
	Fall. . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 00	23	21.99	.95.6	3
SOUTH INTERMEDIATE.							
M. A. Dewyer, . .	Winter. . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 00	26	23	.88	
	Summer. . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 00	25.9	23.62 $\frac{1}{2}$	.91.2	4
	Fall. . .	3	36 00	22.5	20.9	.92.8	3
SOUTH PRIMARY.							
Wealthy Holmes, {	Winter. . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 00	38	34	.88	5
	Summer. . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 00	34	31	.91	3
	Fall. . .	3	34 00	33	30	.90.9	4
NORTH CENTRE.							
L. M. Toothaker, {	Winter. . .	3	34 00	25	23	.92	5
	Summer. . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 00	21	18	.90.9	
	Fall. . .		34 00	20	16	.86	
NORTH.							
L. M. Swift, . . .	Winter. . .	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 00	24	20	.83	5
	Summer. . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 00	18	16	.89	5
	Fall. . .	2 $\frac{3}{8}$	34 00	18	16.5	.91	9
EAST.							
H. E. Wentworth, {	Winter. . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 00	34	32	.92	9
	Summer. . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 00	37.6	35	.93	8
	Fall. . .	3	36 00	38.3	36	.94	5
JERUSALEM.							
A. A. Frawley, . .	Winter. . .	3	34 00	10	9	.90	
	Summer. . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 00	13	10.75	.82.6	
	Fall. . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 00	11.5	9.8	.85	
HIGH SCHOOL.							
Ralph Barker, . .	Winter. . .	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	68 00	22	21	.95	2
	Summer. . .	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	100 00	32	31	.96.8	8
	Fall. . .	3 $\frac{3}{8}$	100 00	25.91	24.99	.95.6	

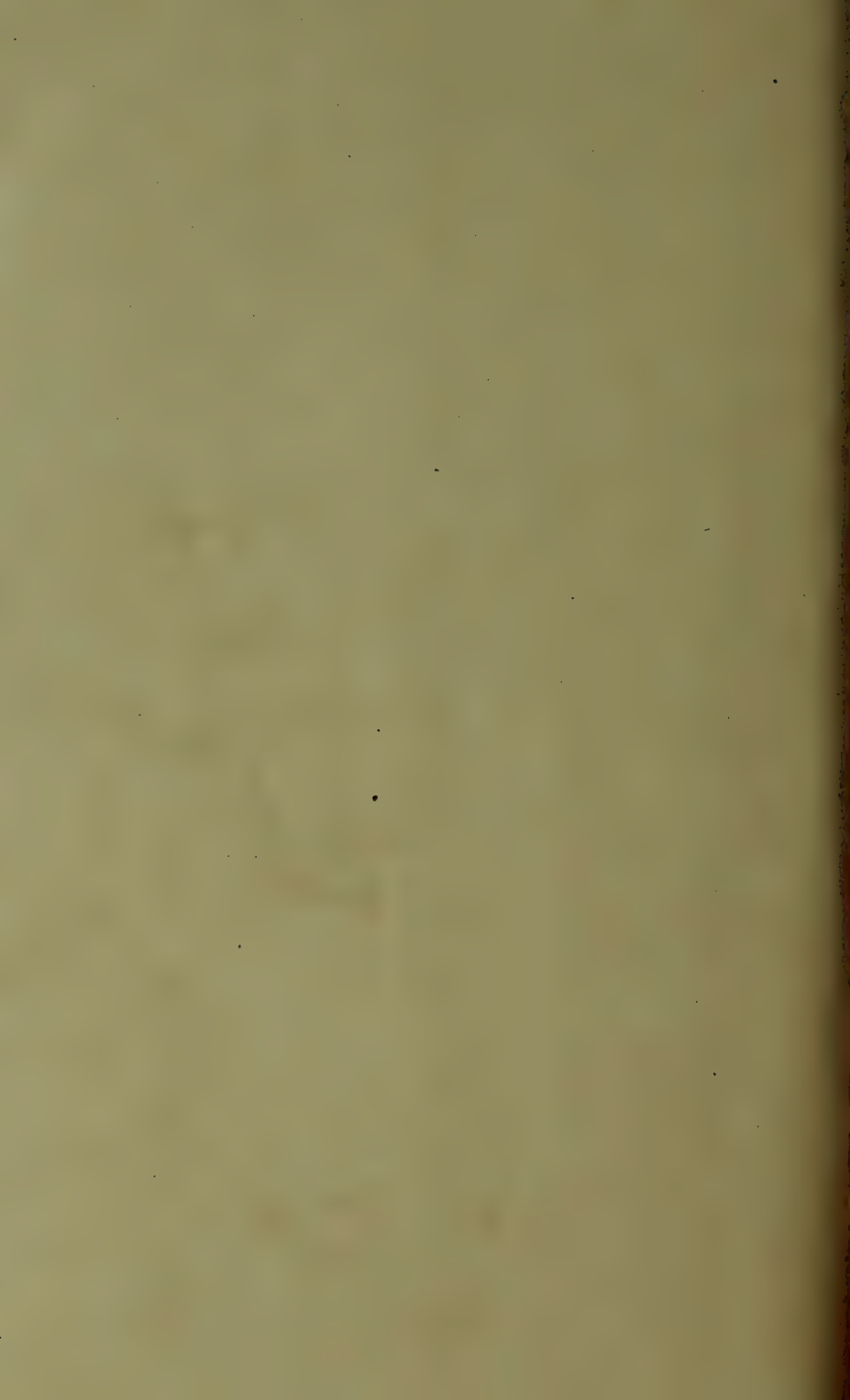


















# ANNUAL REPORTS

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS

—OF THE—

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1884.

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BROCKTON:  
GAZETTE STEAM JOB PRINT,  
1884.



# REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

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## VALUATION.

*As Assessed May 1, 1883.*

Value of real estate,	\$739,878 00
personal property,	133,948 00
Total,	<u>\$873,826 00</u>

## ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	\$840 00
County tax,	901 60
Town grant,	9,350 00
Overlaying on taxes,	248 31
Total tax,	<u>\$11,339 91</u>

Rate of tax, \$12.00 per \$1,000. Poll tax, \$2.00.

Number of polls,	427
dwelling-houses taxed,	359
acres of land,	9816
horses,	299
cows,	467
sheep,	81

## APPROPRIATIONS.

For support of schools,	\$3,000 00
repairs on school property,	600 00
repairs on highways,	2,500 00
new roads,	500 00
support of poor,	1,300 00
town officers.	700 00
incidentals,	600 00
public lectures,	100 00
old cemeteries,	50 00
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	\$9,350 00

## TOWN PROPERTY.

Value of town farm,	\$4,100 00
personal property,	2,057 21
nine school-houses,	11,700 00
town library,	3,000 00

HENRY COPELAND,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
MOLBRY A. RIPLEY	
SAMUEL H. HOWARD,	
	<i>and</i>
	<i>Assessors.</i>

# REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

## INVENTORY OF ALMSHOUSE FEB. 1, 1884.

2 oxen,	\$185 00
6 cows,	290 00
1 horse,	140 00
swine,	20 00
84 fowls,	65 00
12 tons of English hay,	240 00
10 tons meadow hay,	100 00
1½ tons oat fodder,	22 00
½ ton corn fodder	6 00
shorts and meal,	4 20
30 bushels corn,	30 00
5 " rye.	4 00
8 " beans,	20 00
80 " potatoes,	60 00
25 " small potatoes,	6 25
beets and cabbage,	8 00
other vegetables,	6 00
100 pounds beef,	9 00
250 " pork,	25 00
180 " ham and shoulders,	22 50
75 " lard,	9 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,271 95

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,271 95
22 pounds butter,	7 26
crackers,	1 25
flour,	12 00
salt,	50
groceries,	5 00
soap,	2 00
coal,	8 00
5 meal barrels,	5 00
5 stoves,	45 00
1 bureau, 15 chairs, 4 tables and 7 bedsteads,	45 00
tinware and pails,	10 00
crockery and stoneware,	25 00
glassware, etc.,	5 00
2 churns,	5 00
butter tray and woodenware,	20 00
beds and bedding,	70 00
table linen and towels,	10 00
steelyards,	1 25
2 tip carts,	70 00
2 hay carts,	40 00
express wagon,	25 00
1 pung,	15 00
1 cart harness,	10 00
2 light harnesses,	25 00
robes and blankets,	12 00
sled and drag,	8 00
wheelbarrow,	5 00
3 ox-yokes,	8 00
mowing machine, rake and harrow,	100 00
farming tools,	65 00
boards and shingles,	25 00
manure and ashes,	100 00
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	\$2,057 21

Inventory for 1883,

2,002 22



## RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

*James C. Leighton, as Warden from February, 1883, to  
February, 1884.*

Received for oxen and cows,	\$450 00
milk and butter,	291 16
eggs,	95 70
poultry,	57 00
vegetables,	45 10
pigs,	9 00
calves,	2 75
pork,	62 05
hay,	41 30
labor off farm,	61 00
lumber,	190 00
entertaining tramps,	17 50
attending with hearse,	16 00
Cash on hand,	62 37
Due the house,	88 00
Increase in inventory,	54 99
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	\$1,543 92

## EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for oxen and cows,	\$480 00
grain and groceries,	413 17
flour,	61 75
fish,	17 96
meat,	52 62
hardware,	17 64
soap,	10 36
snuff and tobacco,	7 40
fertilizers	64 80
grass and garden seeds,	23 60
blacksmithing,	29 78
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,179 08

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,179 08
butchering,	4 75
crockery,	6 70
shoes,	18 50
clothes and bedding,	73 45
papering,	8 60
labor on farm,	163 30
sundries,	6 84
mason work,	7 85
use of stock,	3 50
coal,	14 25
warden's salary,	300 00
Cash drawn from treasury,	150 00
Total expenditures during year,	<hr/> \$1,936 82
Total receipts during year,	1,543 92
Total expense of poor in house,	<hr/> \$392 90
Total expense of poor out of house,	1,132 59
Total expense of poor,	<hr/> \$1,525 49

NAMES OF PERSONS SUPPORTED IN THE ALMSHOUSE  
DURING THE YEAR 1883.

Galen Howard, age 76,	52 weeks.
Michael Ryan, " 36,	52 "
Albert Staples, " 41,	52 "
Mrs. Fadden, " 52,	52 "
Fred Packard, " 11,	8 "
Esrom Morse, " 9,	52 "
Mary A. Morse, " 7,	52 "
Discharged during the year, 1.	
Average number during the year, $6\frac{2}{13}$ .	
Average cost per week, $\$1.22\frac{25}{32}$ .	
Number of tramps, 34.	

## EXPENSE OF POOR OUT OF THE HOUSE.

Aid to Fred Leonard, supplies and physician,	\$131 75
George Randall,	60 00
Mrs. Jemima Howard,	201 25
Robert Connors, supplies,	64 62
Mrs. Allen,	4 00
McDonald family, “	11 83
W. A. Dean's family, “	11 50
John Reeves, physician,	2 00
Matilda Jacobs,	1 63
George M. Fryes, supplies and physician,	190 48
William Durgan, “ “	109 50
Mrs. Richardson, coal,	7 00
George Burnham, supplies and physician,	8 55
Martha Conwall, “ “	35 94
Poor Children, for books and clothing,	25 25
Paid to City of Taunton, for Joseph Morse and Harvey families,	72 87
Taunton lunatic hospital,	129 67
Shaw & Rice,	24 25
Dr. J. C. Swan,	7 00
Mrs. Levi Packard,	33 50
Total Paid,	<hr/> \$1,132 59
Due from Wareham for George M. Fryes,	242 28
State for William Durgan,	183 20
Town of Bridgewater for M. Conwall,	35 94
Braintree for Mrs. Mansfield,	86 11
City of New Bedford for George Burnham,	8 55
Total Receipts,	<hr/> \$556 08

HENRY COPELAND,	} Overseers of the Poor.
MOLBRY A. RIPLEY,	
SAMUEL H. HOWARD,	

# REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

## INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

William H. Jennings as Justice of the Peace and filling blanks,	\$10 18
Samuel Bartlett, tolling bell,	6 00
Daniel Perkins, for office rent,	18 00
George M. Pratt, paid for printing,	1 25
Eli Wheeler,	1 30
George T. Shaw, tolling bell,	2 00
James Howard, soldiers' monument,	4 50
M. A. Ripley, " "	4 25
W. H. Tobey,	6 00
A. T. Jones. printing,	72 50
Jane Packard, for meadow,	60 00
Samuel H. Howard, fires,	16 50
James Howard, fires,	7 00
James Howard, new roads,	4 75
Horace Bartlett, fires,	4 50
Henry Copeland,	35 70
M. A. Ripley,	28 93
Thomas Snell, fires,	2 00
Edward Tisdale, fires,	103 85
M. F. Delano,	75
M. A. Ripley,	4 00
Albert Copeland, painting,	6 25
James McAnn, making returns,	1 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$401 21</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$401 21
Day's Copeland, paid for gravel,	42 20
Heman Copeland,	4 60
Thomas Snell, shingles,	8 75
Clinton P. Howard, posts,	8 55
Clinton P. Howard, town hall,	75 00
Charles Atwell, repairing road scraper,	3 60
Arthur Morrison, fires,	1 00
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	\$544 91
Appropriation for 1883,	600 00

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Heman Copeland, as auditor,	\$3 00
S. N. Howard,                    "	2 00
Benjamin Howard,               "	2 00
W. A. Linehan, constable,	2 25
Lucius Dunbar, school committee,	7 50
George M. Pratt, collector,	150 00
Henry Copeland, selectman and assessor,	192 00
Molbry A. Ripley,               "               "	96 00
Samuel H. Howard,               "               "	51 00
J. A. Shores, superintendent of schools,	134 50
James Howard, town clerk,	34 72
Charles E. Churchill, constable,	5 00
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	\$679 97
Appropriation for 1883,	700 00

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE HIGHWAYS.

Appropriations for 1882,	\$2,500 00
Amount expended,	1,945 42
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Appropriation for new roads,	500 00
Amount expended,	75 00

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SCHOOLS.

Appropriation for 1883,	\$3,000 00
State school fund,	233 41
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Amount expended,	\$3,233 41
	3,449 67
Appropriation for School repairs,	600 00
Amount expended,	479 41

## OLD CEMETERIES.

Appropriation,	\$50 00
Of this appropriation no money has been used.	

A full account of the condition of the schools and highways will be found in the reports of the several superintendents and committees.

## STATE AID.

Under chapter 301, Acts 1879, paid the following persons:

James P. Gallagher,	\$72 00
Charles T. Morse,	54 00
Francis W. Wood,	24 00
Patrick Dorgan,	66 00
John A. Freese,	54 00
William H. Jennings,	66 00
Lucius Dunbar,	72 00
Bradford Packard,	72 00
William A. Linehan,	52 50
Benjamin Phillips,	36 00
Charles E. Churchill,	72 00
Ellis R. Holbrook,	36 00
William Crockett,	12 50
Mary E. Howard,	48 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$737 00



<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$737 00
Mary E. Kingman,	48 00
Lucinda S. Lothrop,	48 00
Hannah R. Stanley,	48 00
Harriett S. Bouldry,	48 00
Mary J. Reeves,	48 00
Amelia H. Gilmore,	48 00
Salome Stetson,	4 00
Andrew W. Perkins,	3 00
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	\$1,032 00

## MILITARY AID.

Under chapter 252, Acts 1879.

William B. Smith,	\$15 00
George B. Randall,	48 00
David W. Tinkham,	8 00
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	\$71 00

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury Feb. 1, 1883,	\$2,825 62
Balance of corporation tax,	57 62
Six per cent on 1882 taxes received after	
Oct. 15th, 1882,	140 00
Milo Howard, cash,	20 00
Town of Bridgewater,	17 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$177 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$177 00
James Howard, on note,	500 00
“ “ “	500 00
Mark Dunbar, “	500 00
Susan E. Bowman, “	200 00
James Howard, “	200 00
Town of Stoughton,	32 00
East Bridgewater savings bank, for library,	792 06
Corporation tax,	508 94
Bank tax,	652 71
State aid,	1,077 00
Military aid,	64 00
Sundries,	13 33
Dog tax,	219 29
Income from school fund,	233 41
Town grant,	11,401 68
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	\$19,954 66

## EXPENDITURES OF TREASURY.

State tax,	\$840 00
County tax,	901 60
M. A. Ripley, note and interest,	108 75
Mark Dunbar, note and interest,	511 25
James Howard, note and interest,	510 74
“ “ “ “	206 00
James C. Leighton, note and interest,	216 00
George M. Pratt,	111 00
Discount on tax for 1883,	684 10
Abatement,	112 76
Library,	794 86
Incidentals,	544 91
Poor out of house,	1,132 59
Town farm,	913 02
Highways,	2,020 42
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$9,608 00

*Amount brought forward,*

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$9,608 00
State aid,	1,032 00
Military aid,	71 00
Lectures,	100 00
Town officers,	679 97
Schools,	3,449 67
School repairs,	479 41
Suppression of crime,	91 45
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	\$15,511 50
Balance in treasury,	4,443 16
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	\$19,954 66

JAMES HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

## CONDITION OF TREASURY.

Cash on hand,	\$3,020 55
Uncollected taxes,	1,422 61
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	\$4,443 16
Due from State for state aid furnished,	\$1,032 00
"    military aid furnished,	71 00
Town of Wareham,	242 28
Bridgewater,	35 94
Braintree,	86 11
City of New Bedford,	8 55
State for state paupers,	183 20
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	\$1,659 08

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the treasurer of West Bridgewater for the year ending February 1, 1884, and have found them properly cast and vouched for.

CHARLES E. TISDALE, } *Auditors.*  
 HORACE W. HOWARD, }

## LIST OF JURORS FOR 1884.

As prepared by the Selectmen.

Cyrus Alger,	Edward H. Keith,
Charles W. Bacon,	Wallace C. Keith,
Samuel D. Bartlett,	William A. Linehan,
Bradford Copeland,	John A. Millett,
Frank Copeland,	Japhet Packard,
John Copeland,	Justin W. Richards,
George R. Drake,	Sylvester Rice,
Lucius Dunbar,	Henry W. Ripley,
Jonas G. Hartwell,	Thomas P. Ripley,
Linus G. Hayward,	William F. Ryder,
Clinton P. Howard,	William N. Shipman,
James Howard,	Charles E. Tisdale,
Joseph C. Howard,	Charles Thayer,
Samuel H. Howard,	Abiel Washburn.

## WE RECOMMEND THE TOWN TO APPROPRIATE.

For the support of the poor,	\$1,300 00
support of schools,	3,000 00
school repairs and school incidentals,	200 00
highways,	2,000 00
town officers,	700 00
incidentals,	600 00
public lectures,	100 00
repairing old cemeteries,	50 00
memorial services,	1,000 00

The next annual town meeting will be held on Monday,  
the 10 day of March, 1884, at one o'clock, P. M.

HENRY COPELAND,	} <i>Selectmen,</i>
MOLBRY A. RIPLEY,	
SAMUEL H. HOWARD,	

*Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.*

West Bridgewater, Feb. 1, 1884.

## REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

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Your Commissioners are aware that complaint has been made by some that there has not been anything done to certain roads. We do not expect to suit every one, but have tried to spend the money on such roads as were suffering for repairs the most, considering the amount of travel which passes over them. It is not possible to go all over town in a thorough manner with the sum appropriated. We think, taking the roads as a whole, that they are in better condition than they were before the town adopted the present system, although we have done some heavy jobs that are permanent improvements and that the use, wear and tear of our roads are constantly increasing in some sections to such an extent that they require more constant attention than they did years ago.

We think by continued use of screened gravel our roads will improve, and that by so doing, we shall save a large part of the expense of picking stones from the surface of the roads, which has in years past been expensive and unsatisfactory work. We congratulate ourselves and the town on our good fortune in being able to secure a good quality of gravel within a few rods of the highway leading from East Bridgewater to Brockton. This street has a great amount of heavy carting and other travel, and has been a very expensive road to repair in times past, as the material has been carted a mile or more and of inferior quality.

In regard to new roads, we have expended the balance of seventy-five dollars which remained unexpended of the appropriation for last year, upon the new road leading



from the corner north of C. N. Martin's house to the Brockton line, as directed by a vote of the town, and have opened the same as a public highway.

We received a petition signed by Michael O'Fallen and others, for a new road where there is now a private way, leading from Main street to George street; also for one leading from said private way to the Bridgewater line. After giving due notice to all interested, we viewed the premises and laid out roads as petitioned for, and made a return of our doings in regard to the same to the town clerk. We have not expended the money appropriated for the above roads, for the reason that the roads have not been accepted by the town as town roads. If the town accept the roads as laid out, it will require an expenditure of at least one thousand dollars to put them in a passable condition.

We again call your attention to the condition of the road in the swamp on Main street, between Pine Hill cemetery and Edmund Geary's house. Much of the way is narrow and dangerous, considering the amount of travel it has. We would recommend to have the bounds of the same located, and the road widened, if necessary, and to make an appropriation for filling the sides.

We are requested by John H. Packard to call your attention to the narrowness of the road between Albert Copeland's and Heman Copeland's.

#### GUIDE BOARDS,

The Road Commissioners recommend that guide boards be maintained at the following places:

Joshua T. Ryder's,	John Walker's, 2d,
Justin W. Richards's,	Molbry A. Ripley's,
Joseph Kingman's,	James Alger's furnace,
Lewis Ryder's,	Barnabas Dunbar's,
Pine Hill Cemetery,	Cyrus P. Browne's,
Charles Howard's,	Joseph Alger's,



West of Almshouse,	Stillman W. Hersey's,
Edmund Geary's,	Dwelley Forbes's,
Pardon Copeland's,	Benjamin Howard's,
North Center school-house,	George Wilbur's,
Heman Copeland's,	John B. Holmes's,
Nahum Leonard's,	George R. Drake's store,
J. Q. Hartwell's,	Center Post Office,
D. W. Gardner's.	

## STATEMENT.

Amount in treasury, Feb. 1, 1883,	\$581 85
Appropriation for repairs of roads and bridges for 1883,	2,500 00
	<hr/> 3,081 85
Amount expended to Feb. 1, 1884.	1,945 42
	<hr/> \$1,136 43

## FOR NEW ROADS.

Amount in treasury, Feb. 1, 1883,	\$75 00
Appropriation for new roads for 1883,	500 00
	<hr/> 575 00
Amount expended to Feb. 1, 1884,	75 00
	<hr/> \$500 00

DAVIS COPELAND,	}	<i>Road Commissioners.</i>
EDWARD TISDALE,		
LINUS E. HAYWARD,		

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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There has been added to the library, 429 volumes by purchase during the past year, many of which are standard works of permanent value, consisting of choice selections, and embracing most all subjects.

There have been donations, also, from Mr. John S. Martin, and from Mr. C. W. Copeland, amounting to 38 volumes, making the total number of books in the library, February 1, 1884, 2162.

The books in all the departments have been selected with much care and criticism, and they constitute a comprehensive and valuable library for a small town, and for the amount of money invested, we now have a good number of books which may be perused for profit as well as for pleasure.

Additions should be annually made of books in the several departments, and selected with the same vigilant care, that the high standard of the library shall be maintained, and to that end the town should manifest a liberal purpose.

The time for opening the library has been changed from Saturday to Wednesday of each week, to better accommodate many who patronize it.

### EXPENSES OF THE LIBRARY.

The expenses for sustaining the library the past year were as follows:

Librarian's salary,	\$104 00
Paid for books purchased,	519 46
periodicals, magazine, etc.,	29 80
paper for covers,	93
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$654 19

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$654 19
Paid for express,	1 35
new catalogue and expenses on,	178 97
expenses of the room, etc.,	8 01
postage,	24
new binding books,	16 05
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	\$858 81
A bill for books which was unpaid Feb. 1, and owed for,	33 34
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Makes the amount actually paid,	\$825 47

#### RECEIPTS OF THE LIBRARY.

In hands of treasurer of library, Feb. 1, 1883,	\$1 14
Received from the town treasury, April 6, 1883,	500 00
"        "        June 18, "	177 72
"        "        Jan. 31, "	117 14
Received for sale of catalogues and cards,	15 27
fines by delinquents,	14 20
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	\$825 47
Due for bill of books bought in Jan. 1884,	33 34
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	\$858 81

By the librarian's memoranda, it appears that the total number of books taken from the library during the year, was 6479, or a weekly distribution of about 125 volumes, divided among the various classes of subject matter in the following ratio, viz: Fiction, about 51 per cent.; juvenile, about 20 per cent.; travels, about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.; history and humorous, about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent, each; science and general literature, about 2 per cent. each; biography, about 3 per cent; poetry, about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.; magazines, periodicals, about 10 per cent.

Any person who wants a copy of the new catalogue can get it from the librarian.

The balance of the library fund, after paying the last bill of books of \$33.34, including the dividend from the dog tax of 1883, will amount to \$582.48.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HOWARD,

*For the Trustees of the Public Library.*

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

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### *Marriages Recorded in West Bridgewater in 1883.*

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|-------|-----|---|
| Jan.  | 1.  | Clifford J. Hall of Raynham and Louise E. Alger of West Bridgewater.                |
| Feb.  | 1.  | George Walker and Peline Scofield, both of West Bridgewater.                        |
| Feb.  | 14. | Martin Dunbar and Elizabeth R. Johnson, both of West Bridgewater.                   |
| March | 6.  | Edgar E. Worcester of East Bridgewater and Henrietta Lothrop of West Bridgewater.   |
| March | 14. | Samuel G. Copeland and Carrie E. Leonard, both of West Bridgewater.                 |
| May   | 21. | Arthur P. Packard of West Bridgewater and Almira E. Macomber of Brockton.           |
| June  | 13. | Julius L. Hayward of West Bridgewater and Ida Aldridge of East Bridgewater.         |
| June  | 19. | Frank H. Jones and Emma L. Lothrop, both of West Bridgewater.                       |
| July  | 28. | George Shipman and Florence Howland, both of West Bridgewater.                      |
| Sept. | 1.  | Frederic H. Baker and May B. Dunbar, both of West Bridgewater.                      |
| Sept. | 19. | Frederic Wm. Shaw of Columbus, Neb. and Adelia Mignette Delano of West Bridgewater. |
| Oct.  | 10. | Alphonzo J. Pillsbury and Lizzie Snell, both of West Bridgewater.                   |

Births Recorded in the Town of West Bridgewater in 1882.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1881.			
July 1882.	George A. Hopkins.	Male.	George G. and Etta R. Hopkins.
May 1883.	Jennie L. Keith.	Female.	Sumner D. and Ada A Keith.
January	Emma Eliza Gassett.	"	Nelson W. and Martha A. Gassett.
March	Ann Hayes.	"	John and Ellen Hayes.
" 29	Percy F. Hopkins.	Male.	George G. and Etta R. Hopkins.
April	Eva Alice Hunt.	Female.	Lecorard W. and Mary A. Hunt.
" 13	Ann O'Leary.	"	Lawrence and Margaret O'Leary.
" 15	Hattie Ruthenia Alger.	"	Nathan J. and Sophronia A. Alger.
" 30	John P. Marmion..	Male.	Thomas J. and Kate Marmion.
May	Margaret M. Colter.	Female.	Richard and Margaret Colter.
June	Fred Norman.	Male.	John and Josie Norman.
" 8	— Kane.	"	Charles and Mary E Ka e.
July	Anna Galvin.	Female.	Michael and Anna Galvin.
" 8	Pearl E. Turner.	"	Luther C. and Emma F. Turner.
August	Harold Sidney Lyon.	Male.	Algenon S. and Louisa F. Lyon.
" 16	Daniel Edward Frye.	"	George and Ermin Frye.
September	Alice Lucretia Packard.	Female.	Charles E. and Eugenie E. Packard.
" 16	Mary Ellen O'Fallen	"	Michael and Ellen O'Fallen.
27	— Beals.	"	George C. and Fanny Beals.
October	Marion B. Loring.	"	W. Sidney and Clara E. Loring.
" 11	Walter Lincoln Wilds.	Male.	Erwin L. and Caroline E. Wilds.
November	Annie Marie Ryder.	Female.	William F. and Ellen W. Ryder.
" 14	John Keenan.	Male.	Peter and Mary Keenan.
" 22	Isaac F. Hayward.	"	Naham F and Maria Hayward.
" 23			



## Deaths Registered in the Town of West Bridgewater in 1883.

Date of Death.	Name of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Disease.	Names of Parents.
1883.		Y.	M.	D.			
Feb. 4	Salome W. Stetson.	75	2	18	West Bridgewater.	Old Age.	Zebulon and Susannah Willis.
" 5	Lewis Howard.	66	6	16	West Bridgewater.	Erysipelas.	Alpheus and Sally Howard.
" 17	Sarah M. Howard.	37	6	20	Turner, Me.	Pneumonia.	Stephen and Lydia Safford.
Apr. 4	Mary E. Dean.	39	5	27	Easton.	Con. Phthisis.	Jonathan and Nancy Johnson.
" 18	Mary A. Perkins.	77	1	11	North Bridgewater.	Paralysis.	Isaac and Mary Willis.
Aug. 3	Mercy S. Pember.	53	11		Yarmouth.	Embolism of Heart.	Reuben K. and Deborah C. Farris.
" 15	Ellen Fitzgerald.	17	7	15	West Bridgewater.	Phthisis.	James and Bridget Fitzgerald.
" 25	Mira Millett.	71		7	West Bridgewater.	Apoplexy.	John and Abigail Holmes.
Sept. 7	Samantha Dunbar.	68	11	23	West Bridgewater.	Bright's Disease.	Willis and Susan Alger.
Oct. 2	Otis Drury.	78	10	6	New Salem.	Urania.	Obed and Nabby Drury.
Nov. 11	Robert Connors.	60			Ireland.	Cancer.	Morgan and Julia Connors.
" 12	Lawrence O'Fallen.	18	6	20	West Bridgewater.	Measles.	Robert and Mary O'Fallen.
" 12	Bridget Murphy.	53			Ireland.	Heart Disease.	John and Margaret Sheridan.
Dec. 2	Anna Galvin.	38	4	10	Ireland.	Phthisis Pulmo.	Reuben and Lemima Hall.
" 27	Jemima Howard.	96	1	17	Roylham.	Bright's Disease.	William and Mary Dugan.
" 30	William Dugan.	38			Ireland.	Consumption.	

JAMES HOWARD, Town Clerk.



## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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By Section 8 of the 46th chapter of the general statutes, the school committee of each town is required to make an annual report, and in obedience to the law, the committee submit their report:

### ORGANIZATION.

Joseph E. Ryder.                      Albert Copeland.

Terms expire, 1884.

William A. Linehan.                  Marcus F. Delano.

Terms expire, 1885.

Lucius Dunbar.                      Ephriam T. Snell.

Terms expire, 1886.

The board organized by the choice of Lucius Dunbar as chairman, and Albert Copeland as secretary. The schools were assigned to the committee as follows:

Jerusalem to Mr. Linehan.

Cochesett to Mr. Delano.

Centre to Mr. Dunbar.

South to Mr. Snell.

East to Mr. Ryder.

North and North Centre to Mr. Copeland.

Chose J. A. Shores superintendent of schools.

Chose Messrs. Copeland, Ryder and Delano a committee on repairs.

Chose Messrs. Delano and Copeland truant officers.

## CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS.

The town at their annual meeting directed the committee to choose and employ a superintendent of schools, thus relieving the committee from the immediate supervision of the schools. The report of the superintendent, to which we call your attention, accompanies this report.

The committee elected and assigned teachers, as follows: Mary J. Young to the Jerusalem; Adelia M. Delano to the Cochesett grammar; Irene S. Wood to the Cochesett primary; George W. Gardner to the Centre grammar; Edith Snell to the Centre primary; Wealthy Holmes to the South primary; Mary A. Dewyer to the South grammar; A. A. Frawley to the East; L. M. Toothaker to the North Center; L. M. Swift to the North. All the teachers have had charge of the schools to which they were elected for the entire year, with the exception of Miss Delano, who resigned at the close of the summer term, Miss Wentworth succeeding her.

The work of the schools the past year has been characterized by smoothness and harmony unusual in the annals of school work; a fact which argues well for their efficiency. The attention of the committee has frequently been called to the subject of continuing two schools at the Centre. As the subject of how many schools the needs of the scholars require is confided entirely to the committee, as will be seen in the decision rendered by Chief Justice Shaw, and reported by Cushing, vol. 5, page 207; and is as follows: "There being no specific direction how many schools shall be organized, how many schools shall be kept, what shall be the qualifications for admission, the age at which children may enter, the age to which they may continue,—these must all be regulated by the committee." The committee see no reason why the Centre Primary should be discontinued. The limits of the territory assigned to attend the South schools embraces forty-nine pupils, that assigned to the Cochesett schools embraces sixty-six pupils,

that assigned to the Centre schools embraces sixty-three pupils, yet no one says a word about abolishing the South or Cochesett Primaries. One reason urged why the number of schools should be lessened, is that the Howard schools reduce the number of pupils attending the public schools, especially at the Centre, while the facts of the case are simply these. There are but thirteen scholars of lawful age, from this town, attending the Howard schools, divided among the schools as follows: five from the Centre, two each from Cochesett, North and South Centre, and one each from the East and South. The committee are of the opinion that there is equal reason for discontinuing either the school at the South and Cochesett as there is at the Centre, and we do not advise that either of the primary schools be discontinued.

Another fact to which we would call the attention of the voters of the town is the difference of cost of giving to pupils the facilities for obtaining an education in the different sections of the town. We cite the two extreme cases, Jerusalem and Beaver, which have twelve pupils each. The cost to the town at each place is as follows: the pupils at Beaver cost \$126.36, or ten dollars and fifty-three cents each, while at Jerusalem the cost is \$354.25, or twenty-nine dollars and fifty-two cents each. The committee suggest no remedy for this, but merely call attention to the matter, that some way may be devised to do justice to all parties, and reduce the expense to the town.

#### CONDITION OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

The South houses have been repaired and painted outside and in, the East painted inside and half the roof shingled, the houses at the Centre both painted and renovated inside, and the black-boards throughout have been put in good condition. At Jerusalem, the well dug last year failed to be adequate to what was required of it, and was taken up and deepened. At the North a building has been constructed, giving ample room for the storage of

wood and for water-closets. On the whole we consider the property in better condition than was reported a year ago.

For the next year some considerable repairs are needed, and we estimate that the sum of four hundred dollars will be needed for that purpose, which is two hundred dollars less than was asked for last year.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

### *Expenditures.*

Paid for teachers,	\$2,906 00
fuel,	307 84
balance due East Bridgewater,	115 83
care of houses and incidentals,	110 00
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	\$3,439 67

### *Receipts.*

Town grant,	\$3,000 00
Maasachusetts school fund,	233 41
overdrawn from treasury,	206 26
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	\$3,439 67

### *Repairs.*

Expenditures,	\$489 41
Receipts,	600 00
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Balance in treasury,	\$110 59

We recommend that the town raise the sum of \$3,000 for the support of schools for the ensuing year, and \$400 for repairs.

There were three hundred and seven scholars in the town on the first day of May last. Dr. Delano recently resigned



his position as one of the Committee, and T. P. Ripley has been elected to fill the vacancy. The term of service to which Messrs. Ryder and Copeland were elected expires with the present school-year. Therefore there will be three members of the Committee to be elected at the next annual meeting of the town, one for one year, to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Delano, and two for three years.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS DUNBAR,	} <i>School Committee.</i>
E. T. SNELL,	
W. A. LINEHAN,	
J. E. RYDER,	
ALBERT COPELAND.	}

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

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### *Gentlemen of the School Committee:—*

At the beginning of the school-year the teacher of the High school invited the advanced pupils in all of the schools to enter his preparatory class. Those whom he should find prepared were to begin the regular course of study in the fall, and the others were to remain in the preparatory class till next fall. Some from nearly all of the Grammar and Mixed schools accepted his invitation. This has made the schools smaller and apparently of a low grade, as their first class was in the High school. It has doubtless been an advantage to the pupils, for they could be better instructed together as one class than scattered in the several schools, one, two or three in a place. It was a relief to the other schools, the teachers had more time for the lower classes. A fair standard to enter the Howard school, rigidly adhered to, will greatly benefit all the schools, and when the teachers understand the requirements, their pupils will be well prepared. The standard of last spring can be easily reached. If it is much higher, the pupils will not at present be well fitted.

Eight of the schools have had the same teachers as last year, and have shown no very marked change. Some of them have gained in scholarship; a few have lost. Perhaps the advanced pupils are not equal to those who left the schools. Most of the teachers have constantly shown an unwearied zeal and patient labor, that must produce the best results.

There is no such thing as standing still in the school room. It is either advance or recede. If the teacher-



remits her efforts only for a day, the school may show it for several days in poorer discipline and recitations. It is dangerous for even the most successful teacher to settle down into a routine of work which never receives any stimulus from outside. No matter how gifted one may be, something can be learned from observing the ways of others, and those teachers are usually the best who are most eager to obtain fresh ideas from every source. Our schools differ very widely in scholarship, management and methods of instruction, and the teachers could learn much, either to imitate or avoid, by visiting each other's schools or the best schools in other towns. For real practical work and honest purpose some of our schools compared well with the best in the cities; but it would greatly benefit even the best teachers to visit other schools, as I am glad to say a few of them have done.

Permit me again to call your attention to the reading books. They have been so long in use that many of the pupils, especially in the mixed schools, know the pieces and can repeat them before they begin to use the book. They ought to be changed or supplementary reading provided. Some towns have tried the daily papers. But to these there are many objections, besides the difficulty of finding reading suitable for all of the classes. Other towns have tried some of the magazines and papers printed for youth. So urgent has the demand for extra reading become that most publishers of reading books have provided reading matter in some form suitable to be used between the books of the regular series. The publishers of Monroe's books have an "advanced" series intended to supply this demand for supplementary reading. These may be purchased by the pupils or owned by the town and loaned to the schools.

Free-hand drawing has been very successfully taught in many of the schools, and is training the hand to execute, and the eye to discern, correct forms.

Careful attention must be given to drawing and lessons in penmanship, to counteract slovenly habits of writing. The modern methods of teaching require a large amount of writing from all pupils, as soon as they are able to form letters. These exercises must be performed rapidly with the thoughts fixed on the matter and not on the manner. If we require them to write slowly and with care, we lose in accuracy and rapidity of thought. I would increase rather than diminish the amount of writing, for a written exercise requires a better knowledge of any subject than an oral recitation. I see no way to correct poor penmanship except by very careful attention to free-hand drawing and writing lessons.

The teaching should embrace the correct way of holding the pen or pencil, position at the desk, rest and movement of the hand and arm, evenness of size, regularity of slope and general grace of formation. The effort must be to obtain a neat and plain hand that can be easily read.

Some years ago it was the custom to attribute the lack of definite or practical knowledge acquired in the schools to the use of text-books. Where text-books are now nearly or quite done away with, the complaints are frequently heard that the pupils have only vague ideas, nothing definite. "The children are amused, not taught to think." "The school room is a play-room not a work-shop." What is the trouble? It is neither in the use of texts-books, nor in oral instruction, but in the teaching. We have attempted to combine text-books with oral instruction; with good success in some of the schools, but others have too much book or rather, not enough oral instruction. It seems absolutely necessary where schools are constantly changing teachers, to have text-books containing such definitions and general principles as you wish the pupils to learn. These should be concise, and in precise, as well as clear, terms, in order that they may be perfectly comprehended; and to me the well-studied definitions and statements of the books, the

work of the profoundest scholarship and best teaching, are much to be preferred to the indefiniteness of common oral instruction, or to the constant changes that would be made by successive teachers.

The book supplies the formulas that are to be indelibly impressed upon the mind of the pupil, but ought to be preceded, accompanied and followed by careful oral instruction. Many teachers do not realize how many times the same principle must be reiterated to be remembered, or in how many forms it must be presented to be understood by, or to become of any practical value to, a whole class. Nor should any subject, once understood, ever be forgotten through neglect, but practical exercises should be constantly given, so arranged as to keep before the pupil's mind all of the important principles that he has been over. This will tax the ingenuity of the best teachers, but it is the only teaching that will satisfy the demands made upon our school system.

Swinton's language series, introduced during the year, has answered all that we expected of it. Most of the schools are doing good work with it, and acquiring a practical knowledge of our language without hardly realizing that they are studying grammar. A few teachers, for some reason, have not followed the order of the books, but have attempted to teach orally subjects that further on in the books are given in much better form. It has been a failure, and the scholars have only vague ideas, that will soon be entirely forgotten. I am sure the series will be successful wherever used with proper combination of oral instruction, text-books and written exercises.

The order and discipline of the schools have been generally very satisfactory. No complaints have been made to me either by teachers or pupils. No one, however inexperienced he may be in school management, can enter some of the schools, without feeling the harmony between teacher and pupils, and being impressed with the

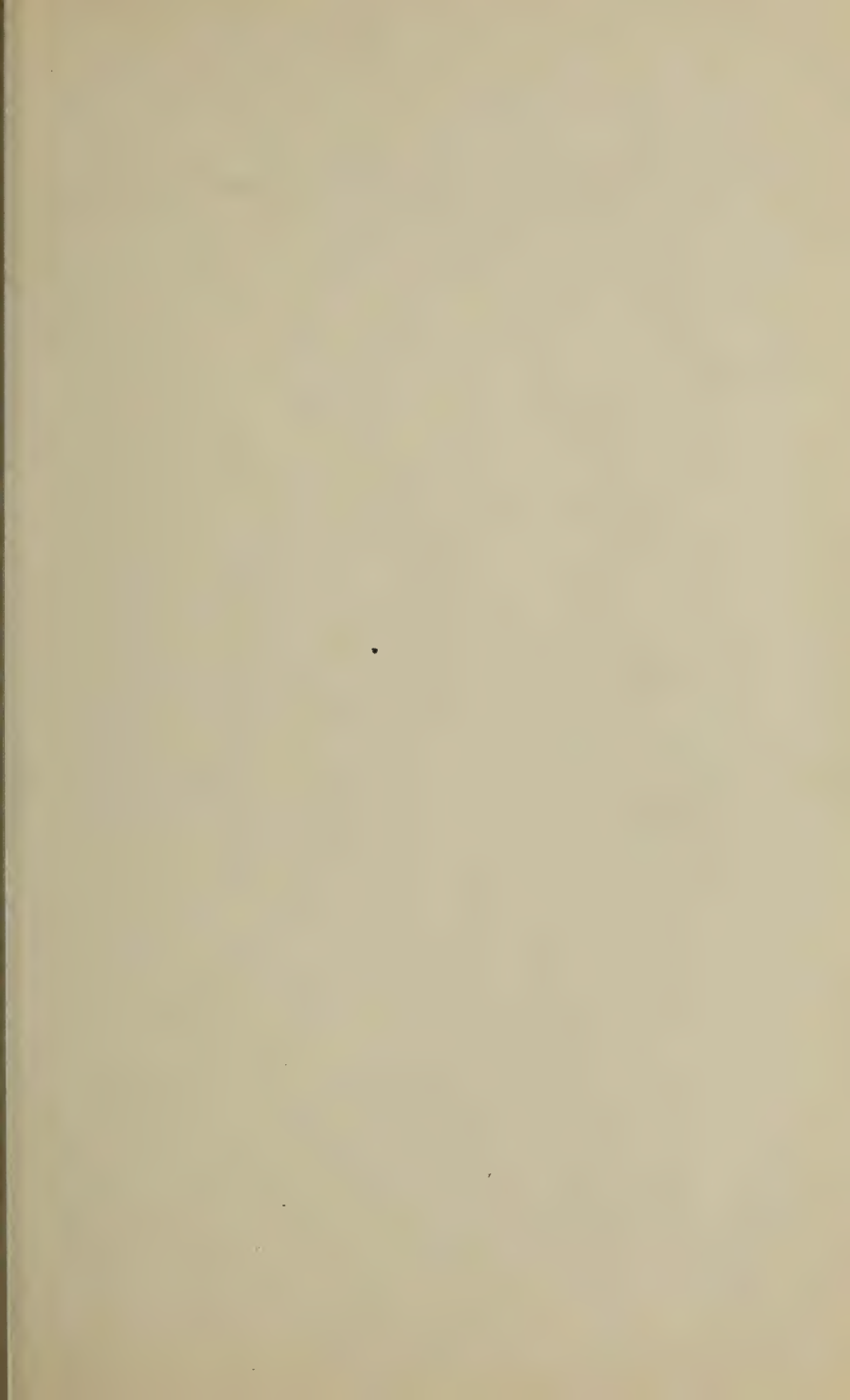
thought that he is in a workshop, whose master mind is skilled in everything pertaining to her calling, and who can see and direct all in the room.

Most pupils are easily governed where the teacher realizes these two fundamental truths :—First, children are active and must be employed. If the teacher does not find proper and useful occupation for them they will find amusement for themselves.

Second, school discipline has a double object, to maintain order and cultivate the moral nature of the pupils. Punishment should follow transgression, not because the teacher has been provoked, but that the character of the pupil may be better developed and that the principles of right and wrong, truth and falsehood, strictly upright conduct, obedience to law and a proper respect for the rights of others, may be deeply impressed upon his mind.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SHORES,  
*Superintendent of Schools.*











*H. W. Smith*

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# TOWN OFFICERS.

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## Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

HENRY COPELAND,

SAMUEL H. HOWARD.

MOLBRY A. RIPLEY.

## Town Clerk.

BENJAMIN B. HOWARD.

## Collector and Treasurer.

CHARLES E. TISDALE.

## School Committee.

ALBERT COPELAND,  
LUCIUS DUNBAR,  
JOSEPH E. RYDER,

EPHRAIM T. SNELL,  
WILLIAM A. LINEHAN.  
FRANK TISDALE.

## Library Committee.

CHARLES E. PACKARD,  
MISS ELIZABETH KINGMAN,  
MISS HELEN MAGILL,

JAMES HOWARD,  
CURTIS EDDY,  
MRS. HENRY COPELAND.

## Road Commissioners.

DAVIS COPELAND,

LINUS E. HAYWARD.

E. BRADFORD WILBER,

## Registrars.

FRANCIS E. HOWARD,

JAMES A. FORBES.

J. Q. HARTWELL,

## Constables.

LUCIUS DUNBAR,

GEORGE BURKE.

WILLIAM LINEHAN,

## Special.

GEORGE T. SHAW,

WILLIAM A. COLE.

## Auditors.

BENJAMIN HOWARD,

HORACE W. HOWARD.



# Report of the Selectmen Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

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THE Selectmen of West Bridgewater submit the Annual Report of the financial condition of the town, with the receipts and expenditures from Feb. 1, 1884, to Feb. 2, 1885.

## REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

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### VALUATION.

*As Assessed May 1, 1884.*

Value of real estate,	\$752,554 00
personal property,	190,579 00
Total,	<hr/> \$943,133 00

### ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	\$1,120 00
County tax,	901 60
Town grant,	9,150 00
Overlaying on taxes,	101 86
Total tax,	<hr/> \$11,273 46

Rate of tax, \$11.00 per \$1,000. Poll tax,—males, \$2.00 ;  
females, 50c.

Number of polls,	451
dwelling-houses taxed,	362
acres of land,	9,826
horses,	303
cows,	498
sheep,	82

Number of dogs licensed, 133.

122 males at \$2.00 each, \$244

11 females, at \$5.00 each, 55

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\$299

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

For support of schools,	\$3,000 00
school repairs,	400 00
repairs on highways,	2,500 00
new roads,	500 00
town officers,	700 00
town incidentals,	600 00
old cemeteries,	50 00
public lectures,	100 00
support of poor,	1,300 00
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	\$9,150 00

#### TOWN PROPERTY.

Value of town farm,	\$4,100 00
personal property,	2,144 66
nine school-houses,	11,700 00
town library,	

HENRY COPELAND,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
MOLBRY RIPLEY,	
SAMUEL H. HOWARD,	
	<i>and</i>
	<i>Assessors.</i>

# REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

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## INVENTORY OF ALMSHOUSE, FEB. 2, 1885.

1 horse,	\$140 00
7 cows,	280 00
2 young stock,	50 00
2 oxen,	185 00
3 swine,	30 00
80 fowls,	62 00
10 tons English hay,	200 00
8 tons meadow hay,	80 00
2 1-2 tons oat fodder,	37 50
2 tons Hungarian,	34 00
corn fodder.	5 00
shorts and meal,	6 00
30 bushels corn,	30 00
9   "    beans,	18 00
60   "    potatoes,	45 00
7   "    beets and parsnips,	5 00
cabbages,	10 00
6 bushels carrots,	2 00
3   "    onions,	2 00
12   "    turnips,	6 00
mackerel,	1 00
50 lbs. cod fish,	2 00
100   "    beef,	8 00
200   "    pork,	20 00
150   "    shoulders and hams,	18 00
80   "    lard,	9 60
33   "    butter,	10 56
crackers,	1 00
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Amount carried forward,	\$1,297 66

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,297 66
flour,	9 75
salt,	75
groceries,	12 00
1 ton coal,	6 50
soap,	2 00
5 meat barrels,	3 00
6 stoves,	40 00
1 bureau, 20 chairs, 4 tables, 8 bedsteads,	45 00
tin ware and pails,	10 00
crockery and stone ware,	30 00
glass ware,	3 00
3 churns,	10 00
butter trays and wooden ware,	15 00
beds and bedding,	75 00
table linen and towels,	10 00
steelyards,	1 00
2 tip carts,	75 00
2 hay carts,	40 00
1 express wagon,	85 00
1 pung,	15 00
1 cart harness,	8 00
2 light harnesses,	20 00
robes and blankets,	22 00
sled and drag,	7 00
wheel-barrow,	5 00
3 ox yokes,	8 00
mowing machine, rake and harrow,	85 00
farming tools,	65 00
boards and shingles,	32 00
manure,	100 00
ashes,	6 00
2 barrels hen manure,	1 00
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	\$2,144 66

## EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for stock,	\$220 00
grain,	388 00
grass and garden seeds,	25 02
groceries,	180 47
flour,	62 25
meat,	82 54
fish,	16 69
blacksmithing,	19 31
labor in and out of house,	173 35
boots and shoes,	18 81
dry goods,	49 64
difference in wagons,	60 00
robe,	12 50
white washing,	13 00
coal,	6 50
curing hams,	3 80
tools,	8 20
drain tile,	15 00
wood,	10 75
crackers,	7 25
clock,	2 75
tin and other ware,	8 65
churn,	6 50
snuff and tobacco,	10 00
stove,	2 00
butchering,	3 50
use of stock,	4 00
soap,	9 25
furniture,	7 50
lime,	1 95
sundries,	8 70

*Amount carried forward,*

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\$1,437 88

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,437 88
Paid for fertilizer,	84 77
cash from treasury,	160 00
warden's salary,	300 00
Total expenditures during the year,	<hr/> \$1,982 65
Total receipts during the year,	1,378 16
Total expense in house,	<hr/> \$604 49
Total expense of poor out of house,	680 94
Total expense of poor,	<hr/> \$1,285 43
Appropriation,	1,300 00

NAMES OF PERSONS SUPPORTED IN THE ALMSHOUSE DURING  
THE YEAR 1884.

Galen Howard, age 78,	52 weeks.
Mrs. Fadden, " 56,	52 "
Michael Ryan, " 37,	52 "
Albert Staples, " 42,	52 "
Esrom Morse, " 10,	52 "
Mary A. Morse, " 8,	52 "
Joseph Morse, " 60,	8 $\frac{2}{7}$ "
Mrs. Jos. Morse, " 70,	8 $\frac{2}{7}$ "
Willie Morse, " 10,	8 $\frac{2}{7}$ "
Frank Fadden, " 28,	7 $\frac{1}{7}$ "
Average number during the year, 6 $\frac{8}{13}$ .	
Average cost per week, \$1.75 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	



## RECEIPTS AT ALMSHOUSE.

*James C. Leighton, Warden from Feb., 1884, to Feb., 1885.*

Received for stock,	\$374 00
butter,	139 60
milk,	180 48
eggs,	82 16
poultry,	48 55
pigs,	31 00
pork,	10 40
calves,	38 50
hay,	57 25
vegetables,	53 15
labor off farm,	65 25
lumber,	9 00
tramps,	25 00
attending with hearse,	14 00
Cash on hand,	62 37
Increase in inventory,	187 45
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	\$1,378 16

## EXPENSE OF POOR OUT OF THE HOUSE.

Aid to Mrs. Richardson,	\$31 21
Mrs. McDonald, coal,	4 25
Condricke family, coal,	4 25
Joseph Morse,	5 00
Cornelius Sullivan,	24 00
Richard Fraher,	32 00
Ebenezer Whitmarsh,	8 70
Frank Fadden's family,	29 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$138 41

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$138 41
Aid to G. W. Wild,	10 00
Fred Leonard,	111 50
William Durgan, coal,	7 50
William Doven, supplies,	9 00
Paid to City of Taunton, for Joseph Morse and Harvey families,	66 51
Taunton lunatic asylum,	182 96
N. Washburn, of Bridgewater, for aid,	2 00
City of Brockton, for Catherine Cook, care and burial,	26 50
City of Brockton, for Daniel Eaton and family,	10 25
Dr. J. C. Swan,	5 00
Dr. E. E. Dean,	99 00
Shaw & Rice, supplies for poor,	3 31
Aid to Martha Conwall, wood and physician,	9 00
<b>Total paid,</b>	<hr/> \$680 94
 Due from Bridgewater, for M. Conwall, for 1883,	\$35 94
“ “ “ “ “ 1884,	9 00
“ Braintree, for Mrs. Mansfield, for 1883,	86 11
<b>Total due,</b>	<hr/> \$131 05

The contested case between West Bridgewater and Wareham, as to the settlement of George Frye, has been decided in favor of West Bridgewater.

The Overseers of the Poor wish to call attention to the condition of the almshouse, which is very much out of repair, and does not meet the necessities of the inmates; it being very difficult to make it comfortably warm, without incurring danger

from fire. The overseers recommend that the expediency of building a new house or thoroughly repairing the present one be at once considered. There are now twelve inmates at the house, and with the different conditions of so mixed a family it is only with a heavy outlay of fuel that they can be made comfortable. The farm has been gradually improving, and is now in a very good condition. Under the kindly and considerate management of the warden and his wife our poor have a good home, and the products of the farm are turned to good account.

HENRY COPELAND,	} <i>Overseers of</i>
MOLBRY A. RIPLEY,	
SAMUEL H. HOWARD.	

*the Poor.*

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

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### TOWN OFFICERS.

H. W. Howard, as auditor,	\$1 50
C. E. Tisdale, as auditor,	2 00
J. A. Shores, superintendent of schools,	128 50
James Howard, collector,	150 00
James Howard, town clerk,	3 79
William A. Linehan, constable,	13 75
William A. Linehan, school committee,	7 25
Lucius Dunbar, school committee and constable,	11 00
George Burke, constable,	9 00
William A. Cole, constable,	7 00
George T. Shaw, constable,	7 50
Albert Copeland, school committee,	69 96
J. Q. Hartwell, registrar.	12 50
James A. Forbes, registrar,	3 40
Henry Copeland, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor,	195 00
Molbry A. Ripley, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor,	90 00
Samuel H. Howard, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor,	49 00
Ephraim T. Snell, school committee,	4 00
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Amount expended,	\$765 15
Appropriation for 1884,	700 00

## INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Samuel D. Bartlett, tolling bell,	\$8 00
Clinton P. Howard, town hall,	75 00
William H. Jennings, justice of the peace,	10 37
George T. Shaw, tolling bell,	3 50
Daniel Perkins, for office rent,	18 00
A. T. Jones, printing reports,	69 00
H. J. Fuller, of Taunton, counsel for W. Bridgewater, in Frye case,	50 00
Edward Hayward, gravel,	102 00
H. Webb, care of monument ground,	8 00
Patrick O'Connors, fires,	3 00
Ansel Alger, fires,	14 00
Thomas Drohan, constable, Brockton, employed by selectmen,	13 60
Henry A. Davis,	9 60
Dr. J. H. Averill,	2 00
Henry B. Pierce, book and express,	1 40
Patrick Cashion, gravel,	12 87
George R. Drake,	2 20
Loring A. Flagg, moving safes,	8 00
Connolly & Leonard, printing,	14 50
G. A. Goodall, printing,	4 75
Henry Copeland, travelling expenses, horse hire, &c.,	65 50
Molbry A. Ripley, " "	26 77
C. E. Tisdale,	12 00
W. A. Reed, counsel fee,	3 00
Road Commissioners, gravel,	37 66
Amount expended,	\$574 72
Appropriation for 1884,	600 00

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation for highways, for 1884,	\$2,500 00
Appropriation for new roads, for 1884,	500 00
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	\$3,000 00

There has been drawn from the treasury for high-  
ways and new roads, 4,050 23  
A full account of which can be found under the report of the  
Road Commissioners.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SCHOOLS.

Appropriation for 1884,	\$3,000 00
State school fund,	219 96
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	\$3,219 96

There has been drawn from the treasury for the  
support of schools, 3,339 92  
Appropriation for school repairs for 1884, 400 00  
There has been drawn from the treasury for re-  
pairs, books and supplies, 734 63

For a special account we refer you to the report of the  
School Committee.

## OLD CEMETERIES.

Paid J. Q. Hartwell,	\$17 00
Clinton P. Howard,	12 00
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	\$29 00
Appropriation for 1884,	50 00



## SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Paid William A. Linehan,	\$10 75
George Burke,	8 90
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	\$19 65

## STATE AID.

Under chapter 301, Acts 1879, paid the following persons :

James P. Gallagher,	\$72 00
Charles T. Morse,	54 00
Francis W. Wood,	24 00
Patrick Dorgan,	72 00
John A. Freese,	54 00
William H. Jennings,	72 00
Lucius Dunbar,	72 00
Bradford Packard,	64 00
William A. Linehan,	57 00
Benjamin Philips,	36 00
Charles E. Churchill,	72 00
Ellis R. Holbrook,	36 00
William Crockett,	24 00
Mary E. Howard,	48 00
Mary E. Kingman,	48 00
Lucinda S. Lothrop,	48 00
Harriet S. Bouldry,	48 00
Mary J. Reeves,	48 00
Amelia H. Gilmore,	48 00
Andrew W. Perkins,	20 50
Mary Mullins,	40 00
Dennis Callahan,	66 00
John M. Maxim,	6 00
Eliza F. Richardson,	8 00
Charles E. Miller,	6 00
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	\$1,143 50

## MILITARY AID.

Under chapter 252, Acts 1879.

George B. Randall,	\$120 00
David W. Tinkham,	56 00
William B. Smith,	4 00
Michael Logue,	14 00
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	\$194 00
One-half of which is paid by the State,	97 00
“ “ “ “ Town,	97 00
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	\$194 00
Total amount paid for State and military aid,	\$1,337 50

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury Jan. 31, 1884,	\$4,443 04
Discount on 1883 taxes received after Oct. 15,	
1883,	137 18
Henry Copeland, note,	500 00
Susan E. Bowman, note,	200 00
Mark Dunbar, note,	500 00
Frank Dunbar, note,	500 00
Frank Dunbar, note,	800 00
Tax bills for 1884,	10,880 93
Corporation tax,	672 93
National Bank tax,	618 95
State aid,	1,036 00
Military aid,	39 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$20,328 03

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$20,328 03
Balance corporation tax,	280 43
Income from school fund.	219 96
Dog tax,	249 98
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	\$21,078 40

## EXPENDITURES OF TREASURY.

James Howard, note and interest,	\$528 00
Susan E. Bowman, " " "	210 00
Mark Dunbar, " " "	510 00
Frank Dunbar, " " "	816 00
Susan E. Bowman, " " "	208 00
Henry Copeland, " " "	517 50
Frank Dunbar, " " "	510 00
Discount on taxes for 1884,	494 92
State tax,	1,120 00
County tax,	901 60
Poor out the house,	680 94
Highways and new roads,	4,050 23
Incidentals,	574 72
Town officers,	765 15
School repairs and books, &c.,	734 63
Schools,	3,339 92
Suppression of crime,	19 65
Town farm,	849 00
Abatement,	157 00
Library,	320 30
Lectures,	100 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$17,407 56

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$17,407 56
Old cemeteries,	29 00
State aid,	1,143 50
Military aid,	194 00
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	\$18,774 06
Balance in treasury,	2,304 34
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	\$21,078. 40

#### CONDITION OF TREASURY, FEB. 2, 1885.

Cash on hand,	\$1,016 86
Uncollected taxes, 1884,	1,067 68
Deed of Ward property,	43 10
Due from James Howard,	176 70
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	\$2,304 34
Due from State for State aid furnished,	\$1,143 50
Due from State for military aid furnished,	97 00
Due from Bridgewater,	44 94
Due from Braintree,	86 11
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	\$1,371 55

#### AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the treasurer of West Bridgewater for the year ending February 1, 1885, and have found them properly cast and vouched for.

HORACE W. HOWARD.  
BENJ. HOWARD.

## LIST OF JURORS.

The following is a list of jurors presented for the consideration of the town, to be acted upon at the annual meeting, March 9, 1885 :

Cyrus Alger,	Horace W. Howard,
Charles W. Bacon,	Edward H. Keith,
Samuel D. Bartlett,	William A. Linehan,
Bradford Copeland,	John A. Millett,
Frank Copeland,	Japhet Packard,
John Copeland,	Joshua T. Ryder,
George R. Drake,	Israel H. Ross,
Lucius Dunbar,	Sylvester Rice,
Jonas G. Hartwell,	Charles T. Thayer,
Linus E. Hayward,	Abiel Washburn,
Clinton P. Howard,	Ellis Holbrook,
James Howard,	Almond Rounds,
Joseph C. Howard,	George Withington,
Samuel H. Howard,	Eli Wheeler,
Leavitt T. Howard,	W. H. Jennings.

## WE RECOMMEND THE TOWN TO APPROPRIATE

For support of poor,	\$1,300 00
support of schools,	3,000 00
school repairs and school incidentals,	450 00
highways and bridges,	2,500 00
town officers,	700 00
incidentals,	600 00
public lectures,	100 00
repairing old cemeteries,	50 00

The next annual town meeting will be held on Monday, the 9th day of March, 1885.

HENRY COPELAND,	}	<i>Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.</i>
MOLBRY A. RIPLEY,		
SAMUEL H. HOWARD,		

# Report of the Road Commissioners.

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As the road scraper needed quite a sum expended in repairs to make it suitable for use, and as there were other machines in the market which would do more work with less power, we thought it better economy to buy a new machine than to repair the old one. After looking at different kinds, we bought the "Victor Reversible Machine." We think it has saved the town more than it cost this year.

In regard to the new roads in the south part of the town, we have expended the sums appropriated for that purpose, by building the road leading from Main street to Georges street, and by shaping the part leading from near the house of James Ryon to the Bridgewater line. We would recommend the town to gravel this part when Bridgewater builds from the line to Aldrich street.

The Road Commissioners have paid or approved bills for the following sum for work on roads :

Nathan Alger,	\$59 55
Geo. L. Howard,	1 50
Edward Tisdale,	12 28
Fred Field,	19 50
Timothy Carroll,	64 30
Albert L. Alger,	155 40
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$312 53



<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$312 53
Charles T. Jackson,	2 50
Horatio Howard,	135 20
Horace Bartlett,	217 80
Samuel D. Bartlett,	3 38
John Olson,	24 00
Patrick Connolly,	31 88
Charles Howard,	73 80
John Cashman,	7 50
Samuel G. Copeland,	138 55
James Howard,	60 40
J. E. Ryder,	8 55
Clinton P. Howard,	56 13
S. N. Howard,	6 00
Lyman Copeland,	87 00
John H. Colwell,	45
James C. Leighton,	9 75
Michael Egan,	25 88
Michael McCarty,	4 50
Patrick O'Connors,	37 10
Bradford Copeland,	251 77
Geo. Howard,	12 65
Eli Wheeler,	18 75
Cyrus Alger,	39 60
Owen Conlon,	55 13
Timothy Linehan,	59 14
Peres P. Field,	10 10
H. G. Mitchell,	18 95
Michael R. Murphy,	24 50
John Shipman,	21 90
Ansel Alger,	12 15
James Macinatigh,	65 25
Stillman Hersey,	29 25
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,862 04

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,862 04
Purson West,	13 50
Prescott Snell,	3 50
William Q. Snell,	18 60
Henry Copeland,	51 45
Eiland Thayer,	20 06
C. C. Thayer,	6 30
Horace W. Howard,	256 72
Warren C. Kinney,	32 10
David Frahar,	28 50
J. Q. Hartwell,	6 25
W. F. Ryder,	15 77
Geo. Hopkins,	11 10
Charles Atwell,	12 49
Geo. R. Drake,	2 75
William Alger,	3 00
John Cortney,	15 00
Edward Madden, 2nd,	6 75
Owen King,	75 75
John Luddy,	22 50
Thomas J. Ames,	4 50
William Dovin,	11 00
John McCarty,	8 25
Thomas Luddy,	22 50
Timothy Madden,	21 25
Stephen O'Neil,	2 50
Seymore Whiting,	42 25
James Ryon, land damage,	5 00
Edward Madden, 1st, land damage,	7 60
Edward Madden, work,	7 50
Mrs. O'Neil, land damage and moving wall,	8 00
O'Neil boys, work,	15 00
Michael O'Fallen,	10 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$2,629 48

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,629 48
Robert O'Fallen,	8 75
William Madden,	1 50
John Toomey & Son,	41 50
James Hennessey,	13 13
Peter Keenan, land damage and wall.	25 00
Peter Keenan, work,	18 00
Wm. B. Ames, land damage,	15 00
Edward Kenney,	10 50
Geo. Silva,	10 50
Geo. Goodyear, powder, fuse, &c.,	8 98
John Hennessey,	7 50
William Penpraese,	9 38
Thomas Hennessey,	7 50
Marcus Pierce,	9 00
Geo. Tyler, road machine,	215 00
Geo. Tyler, set of blades,	6 00
Freight on machine and two sets of blades,	2 99
100 ft. drain pipe,	16 00
Justin W. Richards,	40 15
Henry Conlon,	2 25
Anson Cobbett,	6 75
C. W. Copeland,	2 25
Barnabas Dunbar,	3 00
Geo. M. Pratt,	1 20
Heman Copeland,	8 70
Elihu Leonard,	7 50
Mrs. Dunn, land damage,	4 00
L. E. Hayward,	153 61
E. B. Wilbur,	335 69
D. Copeland,	432 47
Total,	<hr/> \$4,053 28

## GUIDE BOARDS.

The Road Commissioners recommend that guide boards be maintained at the following places :

Joshua T. Ryder's,	Pardon Copeland's,
Justin W. Richard's,	North Center school-house,
Joseph Kingman's,	Heman Copeland's,
Lewis Ryder's,	Nahum Leonard's,
Pine Hill Cemetery,	J. Q. Hartwell's,
Charles Howard's,	Stillman W. Hersey's,
Charles T. Morse's,	Dwellej Forbes's,
Molbry A. Ripley's,	Benjamin Howard's,
James Alger's furnace,	George Wilbur's,
Barnabas Dunbar's,	John B. Holmes's,
Cyrus P. Browne's,	George R. Drake's,
Joseph Alger's,	Center Post Office,
West of Almshouse,	D. W. Gardner's,
Edmund Geary's,	Waldo Howard's.

## STATEMENT.

Balance of appropriation for the repair of highways unexpended Feb. 1, 1884,	\$1,136 43
Appropriation for repairs of roads and bridges for 1884,	2,500 00
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	\$3,636 43
Amount expended to Feb. 1, 1885,	3,053 23
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Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1885,	\$583 20

## FOR NEW ROADS.

Amount in treasury, Feb. 1, 1884,	\$500 00
Appropriation for new roads, 1884,	500 00
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	\$1,000 00
Amount expended to Feb. 1, 1885,	1,000 00

DAVIS COPELAND,	} <i>Road Commissioners.</i>
L. E. HAYWARD,	
E. B. WILBUR,	

## Town Clerk's Report.

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### *Marriages Recorded in West Bridgewater in 1884.*

- Jan. 27. George Hunt of West Bridgewater and Lillian A. Brown of Abington.
- Feb. 16. Ernest W. Thayer and Emily J. Rose, both of West Bridgewater.
- May 4. Nathaniel Pratt and Esther Boyd, both of West Bridgewater.
- May 4. Chas. E. Dunbar and Harriet R. Etter, both of West Bridgewater.
- May 17. Herbert C. Hatch of Falmouth and Laura Dunbar of West Bridgewater.
- May 20. George A. Dunbar of Brockton and Emma L. Richards of West Bridgewater.
- June 17. Caleb Copeland of West Bridgewater and Annie E. Snow of Braintree.
- June 25. John E. Saxton of Brockton and Catherine Geary of West Bridgewater.
- Aug. 6. Chessman L. Hume of Taunton and Adelaide F. Fisher of West Bridgewater.
- Aug. 24. Adelbert A. Goss and Lula A. Gilman, both of West Bridgewater.
- Sept. 20. George W. Wilds of West Bridgewater and Mary E. Lang of Brockton.

- Sept. 24. Winsor I. Southworth of Brockton and Harriet A. French of West Bridgewater.
- Sept. 27. George S. Drake of West Bridgewater and Abbie S. Duckworth of Bridgewater.
- Oct. 3. Alfred E. Howard and Edith Snell, both of West Bridgewater.
- Oct. 22. Willard Howard of West Bridgewater and Mary Dunham of Provincetown.
- Oct. 28. Oliver S. Wilbur of Brockton and Lelia A. Lindsey of West Bridgewater.
- Nov. 7. James Brown and Kate Jennings, both of West Bridgewater.
- Nov. 9. George M. Pratt and E. Juliet Ross, both of West Bridgewater.
- Nov. 23. Edward Welsh of East Bridgewater and Alice E. Donahue of West Bridgewater.
- Nov. 27. Bartholomew Doody of East Bridgewater and Hannah Linehan of West Bridgewater.



LIST OF BIRTHS IN WEST BRIDGEWATER DURING THE YEAR 1884.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Jan. 4	Florence May Shaw.	Female.	Horatio S. and Olive A. Shaw.
Feb. 2	Bertha Louise Hall.	"	Clifford I. and Louise A. Hall.
" 11	Alice Hennessey.	"	James W. and Maria S. Hennessey.
" 20	Honora Sullivan.	"	Philip and Mary Sullivan.
" 28	Preston J. Howard Penprae.	Male.	William and Catherine S. Penprae.
March 3	Mary Foye.	Female.	William and Mary Foye.
" 22	Florence Elizabeth Wilson.	"	W. H. and M. Elizabeth Wilson.
May 5	Annie Loring Dovins.	"	William and Adella Dovins.
" 18	Fred. Nahum Pillsbury.	Male.	Alphonzo and Lizzie S. Pillsbury.
" 19	Lila Maud Flagg.	Female.	Loren A. and Loraine A. Flagg.
" 30	Edmund Maxfield Ames.	Male.	William B. and Annie C. Ames.
July 29	Thomas Kent.	"	Philip and Margaret Kent.
" 30	Herbert Lester Hopkins.	"	George and Etta Hopkins.
Sept. 3	Betsey Carey Copeland.	Female.	Samuel G. and Carrie L. Copeland.
Oct. 5	William Herbert Hayward.	Male.	Julius and Ida A. Hayward.
" 12	Mary Elizabeth Marnion.	Female.	Thomas J. and Catherine Marnion.
" 15	Fred. Dunbar Baker.	Male.	Fred. H. and Mary B. Baker.
Nov. 1	Herbert William Gardner.	"	David W. and Marietta F. Gardner.
Dec. 8	Gertrude Evelyn Kinney.	Female.	Warren C. and Harriet C. Kinney.
" 21		"	Samuel and Sophia Pittsley.

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN WEST BRIDGEWATER IN 1884.

Date.	Name of Deceased.	Y.	M.	D.	Place of Birth.	Cause of Death.	Names of Parents.
Jan. 8	William Michie.	37	7	24	Yarmouth.	Phthisis.	John and Birithie Michie.
23	Galen K. Richards.	61		14	West Bridgewater.	Heart disease.	John and Hannah Richards.
27	Tabitha Colwell.	92	5		East Bridgewater.	Old age.	Sylvanus and Joanna Howard.
30	Amasa Howard.	85		25	West Bridgewater.	Old age.	Jonathan and Mary Howard.
Feb. 17	Emily J. Ames.	50	8	6	Norton.	Consumption.	Alva and Clarissa Packard.
28	Edward Luddy.	18	6		West Bridgewater.	Phthisis pulmonalis.	John and Mary Luddy.
29	Dennis E. Buttomer.	29	1	27	West Bridgewater.	Phthisis pulmonalis.	John and Ellen Buttomer.
Mar. 27	Michael R. Murphy.	24	6	29	West Bridgewater.	Consumption.	Michael and Catherine Murphy.
28	Matthew Murphy.	52			Ireland.	Alcoholism.	
Apr. 19	James McAdams.	52	1	2	Ireland.	Supposed suffocation.	Daniel and Ann McAdams.
24	Laura C. Dodge.	70				Pneumonia.	
May 12	Clora E. Loring.	38	8	8	West Bridgewater.	Pneumonia.	Jeremiah and Laura Thayer.
16	Sarah A'Hearn.	56			Ireland.	Pneumonia.	James Keenally.
26	Margaret C. Cashion.	21	3	20	Bridgewater.	Phthisis acuta.	Patrick and Mary Cashion.
July 10	Catherine Conneys.	50			Ireland.	Heart disease.	Thomas and Margaret Luddy.
21	Mary A. Richards.	76	11	21	West Bridgewater.	Febrile phthisis.	Azel and Mary Copeland.
Aug. 23	Susan M. Williams.	65	10	17	Bangor, Maine.	Old age.	George and Nancy Fuhrer.
26	Bradford Packard.	65	10	17	Norton.	Phthisis.	Alva and Clarissa Packard.
Oct. 3	William Howard.	62	8	22	West Bridgewater.	Drowning.	Charles and Betsey Howard.
Nov. 15	Bridget Fitzgerald.	57			Ireland.	Phthisis.	William and Catherine Harrigan.
23	Jonas Leonard.	71	8	10	West Bridgewater.	Aortic obstruction.	Nahum and Rhoda Leonard.
24	Eliza A. Taylor.	61	3	19	West Bridgewater.	Mitral insufficiency.	Nathan and Amie Hewins.
Dec. 2	Jane M. Edson.	65	27	10	West Bridgewater.	Paralysis.	Henry and Betsey Gornley.
7	Patrick Gornley.	1	6	10	Ireland.	Marasmus.	Hugh and Susan Gornley.
10	Betsey N. Bassett.	92	6	19	Marshfield.	Mitral insufficiency.	Jedediah and Betsey Tilden Little.
21	Lizzie S. Olson.	17	6	23	Sweden.	Acute pneumonia.	John and Hannah Olson.
25	Charles Beals.	75	4	8	Livernore, Maine.	Mortification.	Nathaniel and Hannah Beals.
26	Lyman Copeland.	84	1	26	West Bridgewater.	Cysto-peritonitis.	Salmon and Betsey Copeland.

# Report of the School Committee.

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The annual report required of us by law is herewith submitted :

## ORGANIZATION.

William A. Linehan,	Thos. P. Ripley.
Terms expire 1885.	
Lucius Dunbar,	Ephraim T. Snell.
Terms expire 1886.	
Joseph E. Ryder,	Albert Copeland.
Terms expire 1887.	

The board at their first meeting chose Lucius Dunbar, chairman ; Albert Copeland, secretary. The schools were assigned to sub-committees as follows :

Jerusalem to Mr. Linehan.  
 Cochesett to Mr. Ripley.  
 Center to Mr. Dunbar.  
 South to Mr. Snell.  
 East to Mr. Ryder.  
 North and North Centre to Mr. Copeland.

Chose Albert Copeland, superintendent of schools.

Messrs. Snell, Copeland and Ripley, committee on repairs.

Messrs. Ripley and Copeland, truant officers.

The town, at their annual meeting, directed the several boards of officers to report their departments in detail; in obedience to that vote, we report the department of schools as follows :

#### TEACHERS' DEPARTMENT.

Paid A. A. Frawley,	\$280 00
L. M. Swift,	288 00
L. M. Toothaker,	279 00
G. W. Gardner,	120 00
M. W. Wentworth,	220 00
W. A. Holmes,	289 00
M. A. Dewyre,	306 00
Q. S. Wood.	306 00
Edith Snell,	272 00
E. H. Benson,	200 00
A. K. Littlefield,	120 00
S. L. Waldron,	272 00
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	\$2,952 00

#### JANITORS' DEPARTMENT.

Paid W. A. Holmes,	\$10 00
M. A. Dewyre,	10 00
Willie McAnagh,	7 00
Chas. E. Kinney,	5 00
S. Adams,	10 00
J. L. Pittsley,	10 00
C. N. Logue,	20 00
Elliot Keith,	10 00
W. A. Linehan,	10 00
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	\$92 00

## FUEL DEPARTMENT.

Paid C. T. Williams, wood,	\$26 00
W. Penpraese, cutting wood,	10 00
T. P. Ripley, housing     “	3 00
E. T. Snell, wood,	31 50
H. Bartlett, wood,	4 00
W. Penpraese, cutting and housing wood,	12 00
E. N. Logue,     “     “     “     “	2 00
E. T. Snell, wood,	36 50
Owen King, cutting and housing wood,	14 00
E. P. Howard, wood all prepared,	3 50
J. E. Ryder, wood,	19 00
J. E. Ryder, cutting and housing wood,	8 00
L. T. Howard, wood cut and housed,	13 00
Davis Copeland,     “     “     “	14 00
Thos. Snell, wood,	4 50
Anson Cobbett, cutting and housing wood,	1 50
L. E. Hayward, wood cut and housed,	21 75
W. A. Linehan,     “     “     “	3 87
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	\$228 12

## RECAPITULATION OF SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid teachers' department,	\$2,952 00
janitors'     “	92 00
fuel     “	228 12
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Actual cost of schools in town,	\$3,272 12
Paid balance due E. Bridgewater for schooling,	89 52
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Showing the whole cost of schools to be	\$3,361 64

## RECEIPTS.

Town grant,	\$3,000 00
Income of Mass. school fund,	219 76
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	\$3,219 76
Overdrawn,	141 88
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	\$3,361 64

The school year begins with the spring term, and as there are three terms it ends with the winter term. The financial year begins Feb. 1, and ends with Jan. 31. As the winter terms are none of them closed before the last-named date, consequently the financial school year begins with the winter term. This state of things gives rise to some curious complications. The regular school year consists of three hundred and twenty weeks, while the financial school year is of indefinite length. The one which closed with the last fall term consisted of three hundred and twenty-five weeks. This state of things came about as follows : In the South and Cochesett schools the winter terms of 1883-4 were twelve weeks in length, the spring terms in these schools were ten weeks, and the fall terms twelve weeks, thus giving to these four schools thirty-four weeks in the financial year. In the East school the three terms were ten weeks each, thus giving but thirty to the year. The North Centre had two terms of ten weeks each, and a fall term of eleven weeks, or thirty-one weeks for the year. As the Board of Education issue the registers to be used in school, in March, and require that the annual returns for the last school year shall be made before April 30 of each year, and also the Superintendent of Schools is elected soon after the annual town meeting, it seems best that the school year should begin with the spring term ; as in the present arrangement the winter terms are imperfectly reported. And also as the Superintendent of Schools, if he does his duty, should lay out his work embracing the whole year's work, and



as the year's work is not done until after the annual report is made, the results are not ascertained, and never reported. In view of these considerations, the committee think it expedient that the terms be so arranged as to close before the expiration of the financial term year, so that the whole work of the school department for the year may be fully reported, and the accounts all harmonize.

While the review of the work accomplished in our schools the last year has not realized our brightest anticipations, yet no one school has been suffered to deteriorate, while some, which in the beginning of the year were in a low and demoralized condition, have been raised to a comparative efficiency. Those also which were in good standing, well organized, and doing efficient work when last reported, have made very commendable progress. In reading and spelling the schools made the best noticeable progress. As these branches are those which form the basis and foundation of all learning, and without a good degree of perfection in these, the superstructure, no matter how elaborate, is inefficient, and liable at any time to show traces of imperfection. It is with pleasure that we look over our schools in this direction, hoping for still larger advances in the future. In the other branches taught, commendable progress has been made. It has been the policy to so simplify the studies that the pupil is made to grasp the principle, and, by well-directed thought, to reach the desired result; not to be confined to the text-book and the problems contained therein, but to apply the principles to the things in common, every day, practical life.

The introduction of a new series of readers has done much to stimulate the acquirement of the habit of correct reading, and if the committee look well into their duty, they will do the same for the spellers which they have done for the readers. The speller we now have has long been in use, and the old style spelling-book is fast falling into merited disrepute.

Educators now feel it to be irrational and wasteful of time to drill pupils on words of whose meaning they have no idea, and

a large number of which they will never have occasion to use. A spelling-book should be grounded on the laws which govern the growth of the child's intelligence, and his acquisition of an available vocabulary. This basis demands that the words be selected according to the order in which the child advances in knowledge, that they may be apprehended and used. Also, that every word spelled shall first be presented in intelligible connection with other words, so as to give a clear conception of its meaning. The words should be such as are in familiar use, and apply to familiar things, and are applicable to the wants of practical life. When the committee find a speller embracing these invaluable requisitions, we shall feel justified in substituting it for the speller now in use.

It is the custom of the committee in some towns to report each school separately, and thus comment upon the successes and failures of the several teachers. This was formerly the practice in this town, and it has been suggested that the custom be resumed. The committee do not feel that it is a custom fraught with good. We feel that our teachers are faithful, diligent, conscientious, doing their whole duty, to the best of their knowledge and ability. If one has been more successful than another, she does not wish to have her success commented upon, and put in contrast with another, who, perhaps, has striven equally hard to make her work a success, and through some circumstances over which she had no control, failed. If one has failed to reach the goal for which she aimed, no one can feel it more sensibly than she does, and instead of being held up for censure, should have the sympathy of the committee and the entire community.

We would again call the attention of parents, guardians, and all who have the charge of children who are of lawful age, and should be in schools, to the irregular attendance, as shown on registers. The statute provides "that children between the ages of eight and fourteen years shall attend school at least twenty weeks in each year; said attendance to be consecutive, under

pain of penalties." We cannot think so hardly of any one as to think they would be guilty of such gross injustice to the children in their charge, as to wilfully deprive them of the privilege of doing their uttermost to avail themselves of the liberal advantages provided under the laws of the State by the town.

To all who have children in charge, we would urge you to see to it that the attendance is continuous and perfect, every day and hour when the schools are in session. An hour lost, a recitation lost or evaded, is a loss that cannot be made good. The pupil suffers, the class suffer, and the teacher's work, no matter how earnest and devoted she may be, is blurred and imperfect.

We again urge you to make frequent visits to the school-room, thus manifesting your interest in the work being done there. Your presence there would give to the pupils a greater confidence, and inspire to greater efforts to excel in their studies, and the teacher would be inspired, encouraged and cheered, by the thought that her labor was appreciated.

## DEPARTMENT OF REPAIRS.

### AT COCHESETT.

Paid F. W. Howard, for 11 lbs. nails,	\$ 40
"      "      hardware,	95
"      "      lumber,	2 40
"      "      glass,	50
"      "      27 hours' work,	6 75
Paid A. Copeland, for 10 days' work,	25 00
"      "      105 lbs. white lead,	6 83
"      "      6 gall. linseed oil,	3 90
"      "      12 lbs. em'd. green,	2 70
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$49 43

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$49 43
Paid A. Copeland, for 5 lights glass,	50
“ “ putty, &c.,	30
T. P. Ripley, for brickwork and pump,	1 50
“ “ work at schoolhouse,	1 25
“ “ soap, &c., for cleaning,	28
Callahan & Morey, for cleaning,	5 00
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	\$58 26

## AT JERUSALEM.

Paid W. A. Linehan, work and repairs,	\$ 75
“ “ work and repairs,	1 00
L. E. Hayward, repairs,	1 50
W. A. Linehan, “	50
W. A. Linehan, cleaning school-house,	3 50
H. Mitchell, furnishings,	63
J. M. Howard, “	90
W. A. Linehan, setting glass,	50
L. E. Hayward, repairs on pump and well,	2 50
W. A. Linehan, “ “ “ “ “	3 00
L. E. Hayward, repairs on chimney,	1 00
W. A. Linehan, repairs on chimney and stove,	3 25
A. M. Linehan, washing floors,	2 00
W. A. Linehan, repairs on pump,	1 75
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	\$22 78

## AT NORTH CENTRE.

Paid W. J. Hayward, for lumber,	\$48 24
“ “ 50 lbs. nails,	2 27
“ “ hardware,	2 20
“ “ windows,	1 00
“ “ carting,	2 05
“ “ 9 3-4 days' work,	28 50
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	\$84 26

## REPAIRS AT CENTRE.

Paid L. Dunbar, for furnishings,	\$1 95
L. Dunbar, for cleaning schoolhouse,	8 17
J. C. Howard, for gravel and carting,	7 90
A. Copeland, for 13 days' work,	31 57
"          120 lbs. white lead,	7 80
"          7 galls. paint oil,	4 55
"          13 lbs. em'd. green,	2 92
"          19 lights glass,	1 90
"          putty, dryers, &c.,	45
M. Wilbur, for small repairs,	1 00
Geo. Wilbur, for 7 thousand shingles, and carting,	30 75
"          36 lbs. nails,	1 44
"          6 days' work,	12 00
"          various other repairs,	18 89
"          repairs,	2 50
E. O. Noyes, for sash, cord, weight, &c.,	5 92
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	\$139 71

## REPAIRS AT EAST.

Paid J. E. Ryder, for repairs,	\$9 80
"          "	8 50
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	\$18 30

## RECAPITULATION OF REPAIRS.

Cochesett,	\$58 26
Jerusalem,	22 78
North Centre,	84 26
Centre,	139 71
East,	18 60
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Whole expenditure,	\$323 61
Town grant for repairs,	400 00
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Balance not used,	\$76 39



It is without doubt known to all that the legislature, at the session of 1884, passed a law obliging the towns and cities to furnish free text-books and supplies to all the public schools within their limits; said law to be in force after August 1, 1884. To carry into effect this law your committee held a meeting, August 9, 1884, and after discussing the subject, voted that the Superintendent of Schools act as their agent, and purchase and supply to the schools all needed text-books and supplies; said text-books being such as the committee had previously adopted.

The agent for the purchase of free text-books and school supplies hereby submits his report to the school committee.

*Gentlemen of the Committee:*—Having administered the trust reposed in me to the best of my knowledge and ability, I report as follows :

#### EXPENDITURES.

##### *Bought of Warren P. Adams.*

Aug. 27, 1884, 308 readers,	\$127 30
Dec. 4, 1884, 24    “	5 20
Jan. 1, 1885, 12    “	4 40
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	\$136 90

##### *Bought of Thompson, Brown & Co.*

Aug. 28, 1884, 2 dozen arithmetics.	\$12 08
Dec. 4, 1884, 2       “	12 08
Dec. 17, 1884, 1       “	4 20
Jan. 5, 1885, 1       “	4 20
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	\$32 56



*Bought of Harper Bros. & Co.*

Aug. 27, 1884,	12 intro. geographies,	\$4 20
“ “ “	18 school “	14 40
“ “ “	6 language lessons,	1 68
“ “ “	12 English grammars,	5 04
Dec. 4, “	12 school geographies,	9 60
“ “ “	12 intro. “	4 20
Jan. 12, 1885,	12 “ “	4 20
		<hr/> \$43 32

*Bought of Charles H. Whiting.*

Aug. 27, 1884,	18 U. S. histories,	\$15 00
Dec. 10, “	18 “	15 00
		<hr/> \$30 00

*Bought of Leach, Shewell & Sanborn.*

Dec. 12, 1884,	12 Brand's lessons on the human body,	\$5 00
Jan. 16, 1885,	6 “ “ “	2 50
		<hr/> \$7 50

*Bought of Knight, Adams & Co.*

Aug. 19, 1884,	5 lbs. flat rubber,	\$5 00
“ “ “	4 gross penholders,	1 40
“ “ “	14 gross lead pencils,	14 32
“ “ “	10 gross steel pens,	4 00
“ “ “	10 dozen Manson's model speller,	4 05
“ “ “	6 dozen slates,	3 12
“ “ “	10 reams Manilla letter paper,	9 00
“ “ “	10 reams white “	13 50
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*Amount carried forward,* \$54 39

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>			\$54 39
Aug. 19, 1884,	2000 slate pencils,		5 00
" " "	teacher's reg. acc't and agent's account books,		3 18
" " "	5 class records,		3 60
" " "	2 gross slate erasers,		1 60
" " "	2000 gummed labels,		3 50
Sept. 8,	" 4 dozen slates,		1 92
" " "	" 4 dozen Manson's model spellers,		1 58
" 11,	" 11 dozen copy books,		11 00
" " "	" 4 class records,		2 80
Dec. 9,	" 1 dozen Monroe's spellers,		2 50
" " "	" 10 dozen Manson's model spellers,		3 94
" " "	" 1-2 dozen Swinton's language lessons,		1 90
Dec. 9, 1884,	" 1 dozen Swinton's Eng. grammars,		5 60
" " "	" 6 dozen Peerless ink powder,		9 72
" 11,	" 4 dozen Monroe's practical spellers,		10 00
" " "	" 1-2 dozen call bells,		2 17
" " "	" 4 numeral frames,		2 00
" " "	" 3 dozen exercise blanks,		2 25
Jan. 6, 1885,	" 3 dozen blackboard pointers,		4 05
" " "	" 6 dozen " erasers,		5 50
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			\$138 20

*Bought of George R. Drake.*

Books and supplies,	\$40 99
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*Bought of Jarvis D. Burrell.*

Jan. 1885, copy, drawing and blank books,	\$7 50
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## RECAPITULATION.

Warren P. Adams' bill,	\$136 90
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	33 56
Harper Bros. & Co.,	43 32
Charles H. Whiting,	30 00
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	7 50
Knight, Adams & Co.,	138 20
George R. Drake,	40 99
Jarvis D. Burrell,	7 50
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	\$437 97

## INVENTORY OF BOOKS AND SUPPLIES ON HAND JAN. 31, 1885.

77 standard copy books,	\$6 42
24 blank books,	1 00
2 1-2 reams manilla paper,	2 25
5 1-2 reams white paper,	7 42
1 gross slate erasers,	85
4 1-2 gross lead pencils,	4 55
900 slate pencils,	2 25
6 introductory geographies,	2 10
3 school “	2 40
8 1-2 dozen Manson's spelling blanks,	3 92
3 Monroe's spellers,	63
5 language lessons,	1 56
8 English grammars,	3 76
35 readers,	14 32
13 8x12 slates,	59
34 6x9 slates,	1 36
1 practical arithmetic,	88
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$56 26

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$56 26
1 gross penholders,	35
1 dozen blackboard pointers,	1 50
1-4 gross blackboard erasers,	2 75
2 call bells,	72
Lot of blank and drawing books,	1 50
4 1-2 dozen ink powders,	7 25
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	\$70 33

## RECEIPTS.

Drawn from treasury,	\$424 27
Received of W. P. Adams, for books, ex.,	22 88
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	\$447 15

Bills paid by agent,	\$437 97
Money in agent's hands unexpended,	9 18
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	\$447 15

Books and supplies on hand Jan. 31, 1885,	\$70 33
Books and supplies furnished the schools,	355 56
Due from C. C. Merritt's express,	12 08
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	\$437 97

## LIST IN USE IN THE SCHOOLS.

304 readers, at a cost,	\$125 86
17 arithmetics, at a cost,	19 21
59 geographies, at a cost,	32 10
36 U. S. histories, at a cost,	30 00
23 grammars and language lessons,	8 90
57 Monroe's spellers,	11 87
18 Brand's lessons on human body,	7 50
10 requisition books,	1 00
10 teachers' account books,	1 50
1 agent's account book,	68
10 class records,	7 20
Books and supplies on hand,	70 33
Other supplies furnished and being consumed,	121 82
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	\$437 97

The last entry of supplies furnished, and being consumed, consists of such articles as are being constantly worn out, and as constantly replenished; as the schools are all in session, it is not easy to get at the exact figures for the different kinds, but at the close of the present term when the teacher's accounts are made up, the cost of this class of supplies for the two terms since the present law came into operation can be ascertained.

ALBERT COPELAND, Agent.

At a meeting of the committee held Feb. 18, 1885, the foregoing report was examined and accepted.

F. S. TISDALE, Sec. pro tem.

The foregoing report is very nearly the cost under the several heads embraced; there may be slight inaccuracies, but none that will appreciably affect the results given.

The account under the head of repairs gives the changes in school property. Of course the needs of the property are of

constant occurrence and must be provided for. After considering and estimating the probable wants for the next year, we think that the sum of \$300 will be a sufficient sum for the purpose.

We also recommend that the town raise the sum of \$3,000 for the support of schools. If the schools are continued as they have been for the past year, there may be a slight deficiency which the restoring of the proceeds of the dog tax to the schools would amply provide for.

Should the committee deem it expedient to unite some of the schools, and thus have less schools to provide for, the expenses may be somewhat reduced, and the sum asked for sufficient. The committee think the town should maintain a liberal policy in regard to her schools, and while we ask for a less outlay than last year, yet we suggest that there be added to the school year at least two weeks to advantage.

We make this suggestion because there seems to be a leading among the people in this direction, and also to encourage thought upon the subject, so that should it be asked for in the future, there may be no hasty or inconsiderate action.

For the first time we call upon the town to make an appropriation for text-books and supplies. As the statute obliging the town to furnish these was not enacted at the time of the last annual meeting, no steps were taken in regard to it. The committee suggested to the selectmen the propriety of laying the subject before the town and asking a special appropriation to enforce the law. The selectmen thought it better to provide for the enforcement of the law by a draft on the treasury, which plan was adopted. The sum used may appear to be excessive to some, but was as small as could be made. It is probably greatly in excess of what may be called for in future. We think that the sum of \$150 may be sufficient for the next year, and after that even less.



We therefore recommend that the town raise for the ensuing year sums as follows :

For the support of schools,	\$3,000 00
For repairs and furnishings,	300 00
For free text-books and supplies,	150 00

There were two hundred and eighty-five scholars in town on the first day of May last, between the ages of five and fifteen years, a less number than for some years ; but the enrollment list we think is as large as usual.

Mr. T. P. Ripley, who was elected at the last annual meeting to fill the unexpired term to which Dr. Delano was elected, removed from town and his office was declared vacant, and Mr. F. S. Tisdale was elected to fill the remainder of the year. The term of service to which Messrs. Tisdale and Linehan were elected expires with the present school year. Therefore at the next annual meeting there will be two members to be elected for three years.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LUCIUS DUNBAR,	} <i>School Committee.</i>
E. T. SNELL,	
F. S. TISDALE,	
ALBERT COPELAND,	
J. E. RYDER,	

WEST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 2, 1885.

## Report of the Public Library.

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There has been added to the library during the last year one hundred and eighty-three volumes, to wit: seventy-six volumes by purchase, and one hundred and seven volumes donated.

### EXPENSES OF THE LIBRARY.

The expenses for supporting the library for 1884, were as follows :

Librarian's salary,	\$106 00
Expenses of room,	22 07
Paid for new books and cost of rebinding old ones,	176 54
periodicals, magazines, &c.,	39 55
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	\$344 16

## RECEIPTS.

Received from the town treasury, Feb. 10,	\$33 34
“ “ “ March 17,	30 55
“ “ “ July 28,	106 07
“ “ “ Oct. 13,	37 81
“ “ “ Jan. 1885,	112 53
“ sale of catalogues and cards,	6 76
“ fines by delinquents,	17 10
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	\$344 16

By the librarian's memoranda it appears that the total number of books taken from the library during the year was 6,734, or a weekly distribution of about 129 volumes.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HOWARD,

*For the Trustees of the Public Library.*









14. 27. 1886

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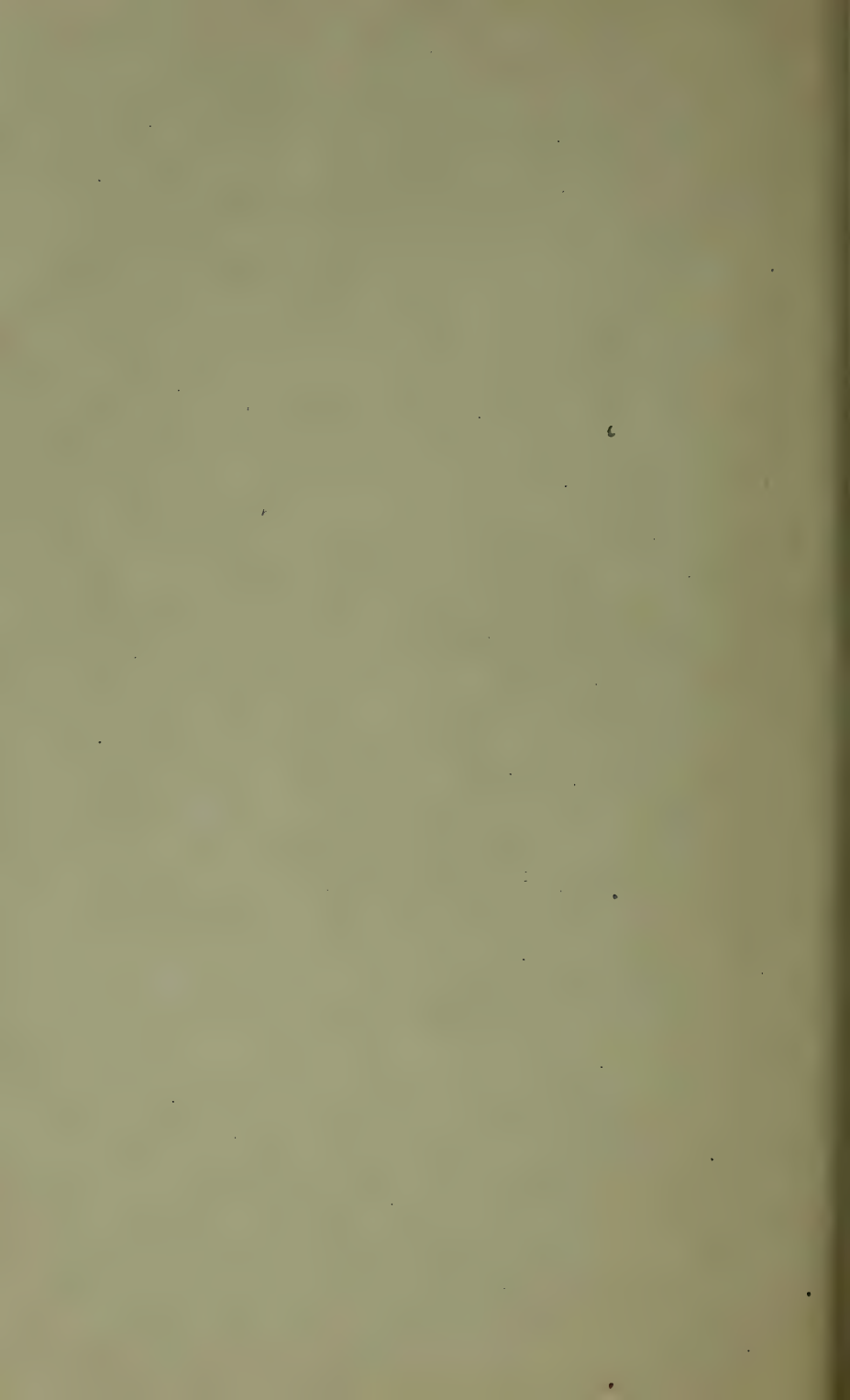
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# TOWN OFFICERS.

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## Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

HENRY COPELAND,

MOLBRY A. RIPLEY,

SAMUEL H. HOWARD.

## Town Clerk.

BENJAMIN B. HOWARD.

## Collector and Treasurer.

CHARLES E. TISDALE.

## Road Commissioners.

DAVIS COPELAND,

E. BRADFORD WILBER,

LINUS E. HAYWARD.

## School Committee.

ALBERT COPELAND,

EPHRAIM T. SNELL,

LUCIUS DUNBAR,

WILLIAM A. LINEHAN,

JOSEPH E. RYDER,

FRANK TISDALE.

## Trustees Public Library.

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JAMES A. FORBES.

## Constables.

GEORGE BURKE,

HERBERT A. MILLETT,

ELLIS R. HOLBROOK.

## Committee on Cemeteries.

CLINTON P. HOWARD,

EDWARD TISDALE,

SAMUEL G. COPELAND.

## Scaler of Weights and Measures.

SAMUEL D. BARTLETT.

## Auditors.

BENJAMIN HOWARD,

HORACE W. HOWARD,

SAMUEL G. COPELAND.

# Report of the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

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THE Selectmen of the Town of West Bridgewater present, for the consideration of the town, the annual report of the financial condition, with the receipts and expenditures, from Feb. 1, 1885, to Feb. 1, 1886.

## REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

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### VALUATION.

*As Assessed May 1, 1885.*

Value of real estate,	\$763,992 00
“ personal estate,	157,050 00
Total,	<hr/> \$921,042 00

### ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	\$840 00
County tax,	1,041 86
Town grant,	9,150 00
Overlaying on taxes,	56 60
Total tax,	<hr/> \$11,088 46

Rate of tax, \$11.00 per \$1,000. Poll tax,—males, \$2.00 ; females, 50c.

Number of polls,	477
females,	2
acres of land,	9,826
dwelling houses,	362
cows,	482
horses,	300
sheep,	95
swine,	138
young stock,	142
dogs licensed, 145 ; 132 males, 13 females.	

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

For support of schools,	\$3,000 00
school repairs and furnishings,	300 00
text books,	150 00
support of poor,	1,300 00
highways and bridges,	2,500 00
new roads,	500 00
town incidentals,	600 00
town officers,	700 00
public lectures,	100 00
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	\$9,150 00

#### TOWN PROPERTY.

Valuation of town farm,	\$4,100 00
personal property,	2,343 20
nine school-houses,	11,700 00
town library,	2,500 00

HENRY COPELAND,	} <i>Selectmen</i> and <i>Assessors.</i>
MOLBRY A. RIPLEY,	
SAMUEL H. HOWARD,	



# REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

## INVENTORY OF ALMSHOUSE, FEB. 1, 1886.

2 oxen,	\$140 00
6 cows,	270 00
1 yearling,	30 00
2 young stock,	40 00
1 horse,	140 00
4 swine,	50 00
94 fowls,	65 00
12 tons English hay,	296 00
10 tons meadow hay,	120 00
3 tons corn fodder,	15 00
1 ton oat fodder,	12 00
shorts and meal,	5 00
14 bushels beans,	24 50
120 bushels ears of corn,	48 00
other grain,	3 00
125 bushels potatoes,	93 75
30 bushels small potatoes,	6 00
40 bushels carrots,	12 00
10 bushels beets,	5 00
10 bushels turnips,	4 00
parsnips and onions,	3 00
cabbages,	8 00
9 barrels apples,	13 50
50 pounds beef,	3 50
225 " pork,	18 00
145 " ham,	14 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$1,439 75</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,439 75
70 pounds lard,	7 00
4 " butter,	1 20
crackers,	1 00
2 barrels flour,	10 00
salt,	1 00
soap,	2 00
groceries,	10 00
preserves and pickles,	5 00
meat barrels,	3 00
7 stoves,	60 00
household furniture,	50 00
tin ware and pails,	10 00
crockery and stone ware,	25 00
glass ware, lanterns, etc.,	8 00
3 churns,	12 00
wooden ware,	12 00
beds and bedding,	75 00
table linen and towels,	10 00
1 covered express wagon,	100 00
1 hay cart,	30 00
2 tip-carts,	70 00
1 pung,	15 00
2 harnesses,	20 00
1 cart harness,	10 00
steelyards,	75
4 ox-yokes,	10 00
sled and drag,	8 00
wheelbarrow,	4 50
robes and blanket,	20 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$2,030 20

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,030 20
mowing machine and harrow,	100 00
horse-rake and farming tools,	75 00
lumber,	30 00
ashes,	4 00
stable manure,	100 00
5 barrels hen manure,	4 00
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	\$2,343 20

### RECEIPTS AT ALMSHOUSE.

JAMES C. LEIGHTON, Warden.

Received for butter,	\$65 03
milk,	334 76
stock,	230 00
poultry,	56 18
eggs,	94 91
pork,	19 50
calves,	8 25
hay,	25 00
onions,	50 00
vegetables,	23 12
labor off farm,	10 00
lumber,	22 30
old stove,	2 50
hay rigging,	9 00
beef,	9 91
83 tramps,	41 50
attending with hearse,	18 00
Increase in inventory,	198 54
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	\$1,218 50

## EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for stock,	\$158 00
grain,	385 00
groceries,	146 00
flour,	55 65
meat,	80 95
fish,	22 67
labor in and out of house,	150 00
cooking stove,	25 00
horse collar,	3 50
crockery,	4 80
glass ware,	3 00
lime,	1 25
crackers,	8 27
wood,	17 00
curing hams,	2 75
coal,	7 00
clothing and bedding,	84 80
boots and shoes,	19 75
wagon top,	25 00
blacksmithing,	19 40
team hire,	7 00
lumber,	18 00
medicine,	4 70
snuff and tobacco,	6 75
posts and rails,	13 69
farming tools,	6 25
seed potatoes,	4 00
soap,	8 70
fertilizer,	34 76

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*Amount carried forward,*

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\$1,323 64

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,323 64
Paid for butchering,	3 00
furniture,	5 00
use of stock,	4 00
ox-bows,	1 50
sundries,	7 75
grass and garden seeds,	7 65
Mary Rogers, nursing and doctor's bill,	20 00
2 cows,	120 00
funeral expenses for G. Howard,	21 50
difference in mowing machine,	35 00
horse-hoe,	7 50
Dr. J. C. Swan,	3 75
swine	30 00
warden's salary,	300 00
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Total expenditures during the year,	\$1,890 29
Total receipts during the year,	1,218 50
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Total expense in house,	\$671 79
Total expense out of house,	936 78
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Total expense of poor,	\$1,608 57
Appropriation,	1,300 00

#### EXPENSE OF POOR OUT OF HOUSE.

Aid to Frank Fadden's family, funeral expenses and board of children,	\$184 00
J. Leonard's family, doctor's bill and sup- plies,	170 05
Richard Frahar, doctor's bill and supplies,	28 25
E. Whitmarsh, wood and supplies,	23 80
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$406 10

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$406 10
Aid to Charles Monson, nursing, doctor's bill,		
supplies and expense of funeral,		88 00
E. Godfrey, supplies,		15 00
J. Norman, care of sick,		27 00
Lombard child, for board,		15 00
M. Cornwall, wood and supplies,		22 62
J. Morse,		2 00
Mrs. E. Richardson, coal,		7 00
Kate Jennings,		12 00
Mrs. W. Durgan, coal,		14 50
William Doven, doctor's bill,		8 00
C. Allen,		19 72
Mary Mullins,		7 00
C. Williams,		5 50
N. Pratt,		3 00
S. B. Maxim,		396 55
Paid to Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for H. Alger		
and F. Fadden,		296 62
Dr. J. C. Swan,		75 00
Aid has been given to individuals, who have re-		
turned it to the town, amounting to		68 80
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Received from Middleboro,	\$396 55	\$1,489 41
“ “ Mansfield,	19 72	
“ “ individuals,	68 80	
Due from Bridgewater,	67 58	
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		\$552 65
Total expense of poor out of house,		<hr/>
		\$936 76
Due from Braintree, for Mrs. Mansfield for 1883,		\$86 11



NAMES OF PERSONS SUPPORTED IN THE ALMSHOUSE DURING  
THE YEAR 1885.

Galen Howard,	age 79,	37 weeks.
Abby Fadden,	" 57,	52 "
Albert Staples,	" 43,	52 "
Esrom Morse,	" 12,	52 "
Mary Morse,	" 10,	52 "
Joseph Morse,	" 61,	10 $\frac{3}{7}$ "
Betsey Morse,	" 71,	10 $\frac{3}{7}$ "
William Morse,	" 11,	10 $\frac{3}{7}$ "
Mary Rogers,	" 30,	51 $\frac{3}{7}$ "
Frank Fadden,	" 29,	8 "
Ann Flynn,	" 76,	45 "
Mary O'Neal,	" 70,	2 "
Emma Morse,	" 17,	8 "
Ebenezer Whitmarsh,	" 74,	5 "
Michael Ryan,	" 37,	52 "

Average number during the year, 8 $\frac{8}{13}$ .

Average cost per week, \$1.50 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

HENRY COPELAND,	} <i>Overseers</i>
MOLBRY A. RIPLEY,	
SAMUEL H. HOWARD,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>the Poor.</i>

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

## INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Charles E. Tisdale,	\$3 20
Samuel D. Bartlett, tolling bell,	5 00
Samuel D. Bartlett, sealer of weights and measures,	5 00
Daniel Perkins, office rent,	18 00
G. A. Goodall, printing reports,	111 00
Clinton Howard, town hall,	75 00
G. A. Goodall, order books,	7 00
H. West, care of monument ground,	8 75
Pratt's Express,	4 40
S. Rice,	1 50
George Shaw, tolling bell,	2 00
D. W. Gardner, work for Board of Health,	3 00
W. H. Tobey, for return of deaths,	2 75
F. W. Howard, digging grave,	3 00
James Copeland, gravel,	75 00
William H. Jennings, Justice of the Peace,	4 10
Albert Copeland, painting guide boards,	8 00
Loren A. Flagg, express bills,	8 75
Davis Copeland, gravel,	77 24
Molbry A. Ripley, traveling expenses, etc.,	16 60
Molbry A. Ripley, postage and stationery,	3 45
Henry Copeland, horse and traveling expenses,	38 00
Edward Tisdale, old cemeteries,	39 00
S. G. Copeland, " "	15 00
L. E. Hayward, " "	2 25
G. A. Goodall, printing notices,	6 50
Amount expended,	<hr/> \$543 49
Appropriation,	600 00

## TOWN OFFICERS.

H. W. Howard, auditor,	\$1 50
Benjamin Howard,	1 50
B. B. Howard, town clerk for 1884,	78 77
C. E. Tisdale, collector and treasurer,	150 00
C. E. Tisdale,	3 75
Thomas Ripley, school committee,	4 00
Wm. H. Jennings, moderator,	3 00
Albert Copeland, school committee and superintendent,	127 25
George Burke, constable,	7 50
Herbert Millett, constable,	1 00
E. T. Snell, school committee,	4 00
Henry Leach, committee on building almshouse,	5 00
J. Q. Hartwell, " " "	5 00
Edward Tisdale, " " "	5 00
Henry Copeland, " " "	5 00
Heman Copeland, " " "	7 00
Samuel L. Ryder, " " "	10 00
James Howard, " " "	2 50
B. B. Howard, town clerk,	74 97
George Shaw, constable,	2 00
Lucius Dunbar, school committee,	3 00
Henry Copeland, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	185 00
Molbry A. Ripley, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	101 50
Samuel H. Howard, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	31 00
Davis Copeland, road commissioner,	30 50
Amount expended,	<hr/> \$849 74
Appropriation,	700 00

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation for highways for 1885,	\$2,500 00
Appropriation for new roads for 1885,	500 00
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	\$3,000 00
There has been drawn from the treasury for high- ways and new roads,	\$3,062 04

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SCHOOLS.

Appropriation for 1885,	\$3,000 00
State School Fund,	216 24
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	\$3,216 24
There has been drawn from the treasury for the support of schools,	\$4,589 53
Appropriations for school repairs and furnishings,	\$300 00
Appropriations for text books and supplies,	150 00
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	\$450 00
There has been drawn from the treasury, for re- pairs, books and supplies,	\$391 94

A special account of the highways and schools will be found in their respective departments.

## STATE AID.

Under chapter 301, Acts 1879, paid the following persons :

James P. Gallagher,	\$72 00
Charles T. Morse,	54 00
Francis W. Wood,	72 00
John A. Freese,	67 50
Wm. H. Jennings,	72 00
Lucius Dunbar,	72 00
Wm. A. Linehan,	72 00
Charles Churchill,	72 00
Wm. Crockett,	48 00
Andrew Perkins,	18 00
Dennis Callahan,	72 00
Ellis R. Holbrook,	36 00
Benjamin Phillips,	36 00
Patrick Dorgan,	72 00
Elizabeth O. Packard.	48 00
Mary E. Howard,	48 00
Mary E. Kingman,	48 00
Lucinda S. Lathrop,	48 00
Harriet S. Bouldry,	48 00
Mary J. Reeves,	48 00
Amelia H. Gilmore,	48 00
Eliza Richardson,	48 00
Charles E. Miller,	60 00
Wm. J. Gilbert,	33 00
James H. Leonard,	30 00
John Shipman,	15 00

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\$1,357 50

## MILITARY AID.

Under chapter 252, Acts 1879.

George A. Randall,	\$100 00
David W. Tinkham,	72 00
Michael Logue,	92 00
Rodney Churchill,	50 00
Henry Withington,	6 00
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	\$320 00
Of the military aid, one-half is paid by the State,	\$160 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ Town,	160 00
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	\$320 00
Total amount paid for state and military aid,	\$1,677 50

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury February 1st, 1885,	\$2,304 34
Received from Susan E. Bowman, note	500 00
town of Wareham,	148 70
Mark Dunbar, note,	500 00
Henry Copeland, note,	500 00
Frank Dunbar, “	1,000 00
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interest on Ward property,	2 33
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$6,955 37



<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$6,955 37
Received from tax bills for 1885,	11,024 44
corporation tax,	595 25
National Bank tax,	651 91
State aid,	1,134 50
military aid,	124 58
Middleboro,	396 55
Minervia Ames estate,	50 50
school fund,	216 24
dog tax,	254 10
G. H. Stone,	7 00
town of Mansfield,	19 72
C. Williams,	7 00
Susan E. Bowman, note,	500 00
Mark Dunbar,	500 00
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	\$22,437 16

## EXPENDITURES OF TREASURY.

Frank Dunbar, note and interest,	\$1,027 50
Frank Dunbar,       “       “	1,020 00
Henry Copeland,   “       “	515 00
County tax,	1,041 86
State tax,	840 00
Frank Dunbar, note and interest,	512 50
Frank Dunbar,       “       “	507 50
Susan E. Bowman, “       “	527 50
Mark Dunbar,       “       “	525 00
Discount on taxes for 1885,	533 70
Abatement,	154 53
Town farm,	1,037 75
Poor out of house,	1,489 41
Highways,	3,062 04
Town officers,	849 74
Incidentals,	543 49
School repairs and supplies,	391 94
Schools,	4,589 53
Howard lectures,	100 00
Library,	321 53
State and military aid,	1,677 50
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	\$21,268 02
Balance in treasury,	1,169 14
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	\$22,437 16

## CONDITION OF TREASURY, FEB. 1, 1886.

Cash on hand,	\$105 12
Uncollected taxes for 1884,	159 04
“ “ 1885,	904 98
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	\$1,169 14
Due from State for State aid furnished,	\$1,357 50
State for military aid furnished,	320 00
Bridgewater,	67 56
Braintree,	86 11
State,	113 00
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	\$1,944 17

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the treasurer of West Bridgewater, for the year ending February 1st, 1886, and have found them properly cast and vouched for.

HORACE W. HOWARD,  
 BENJ. HOWARD,  
 SAMUEL G. COPELAND,

## NAMES OF JURORS

For acceptance or revision by the town at its annual meeting :

Cyrus Alger,	Benjamin Howard,
Charles W. Bacon,	Edward H. Keith,
Samuel D. Bartlett,	William A. Linehan,
Horace Bartlett,	John A. Millett,
Bradford Copeland,	Myron Packard,
Frank Copeland,	Japhet Packard,

John Copeland,	L. Sumner Packard,
Henry Copeland,	Joshua T. Ryder,
Lucius Dunbar,	William F. Ryder,
Jonas G. Hartwell,	Israel H. Ross,
Linus E. Hayward,	Sylvester Rice,
Clinton P. Howard,	George T. Shaw,
James Howard,	William Shipman,
Joseph C. Howard,	Charles T. Thayer,
Samuel N. Howard,	Abial Washburn,
Fred H. Washburn.	

#### NAMES OF JURORS IN 1885.

George R. Drake,	Horace W. Howard,
Leavitt T. Howard,	W. H. Jennings,
Ellis R. Holbrook.	

#### WE RECOMMEND THE TOWN TO APPROPRIATE

For support of poor,	\$1,400 00
support of schools,	2,500 00
school repairs and supplies,	350 00
highway repairs,	2,000 00
new bridges,	2,500 00
town officers,	700 00
incidentals,	600 00
public lectures,	100 00

The next annual town meeting will be held on Monday, the 8th day of March, 1886.

HENRY COPELAND,	} <i>Selectmen,</i>
MOLBRY A. RIPLEY,	
SAMUEL H. HOWARD,	
	<i>Assessors and</i>
	<i>Overseers of the Poor.</i>

# Report of the Road Commissioners.

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The Road Commissioners have expended the following sums upon the roads :—

Paid W. C. Kinney,	\$82 63
C. C. Thayer,	107 53
J. W. Richards,	16 43
Thomas Snell,	16 35
Mary and Sarah Dunbar, land damage,	20 00
Bradford Copeland,	89 12
Geo. Evans,	16 58
John McClintock,	13 50
Geo. Tyler, tools,	13 59
Express .50 and freight \$1.05,	1 55
Prescott Snell,	64 03
Charles W. Copeland,	30 35
LeLacheur, land damage,	45 00
J. E. Ryder,	2 50
Mace Tisdale,	10 60
P. O'Connor,	56 55
Patrick McAnagh,	4 05
James McAnagh,	40 50
John Cashman,	27 60
Horatio Howard,	92 80
Erland Thayer,	16 20
Geo. Leach,	1 05
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$768 51

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$768 51
Paid Henry Withington,	38
Horatio Shaw,	2 10
John Adams,	2 25
Charles Atwell,	5 35
Geo. Whiting,	43 50
Seymour Whiting,	89 10
John Shipman,	37 20
John Luddy,	22 20
Owen Condon,	5 00
John O'Hern,	8 10
James Murphy,	11 00
Elihu Leonard,	2 00
Horace W. Howard,	132 75
Charles Howard,	68 18
Horace Bartlett,	174 38
Ansel Bartlett,	6 75
Albert L. Alger,	93 00
Barnabas Dunbar,	18 00
Clinton P. Howard,	83 75
Frank Smith,	7 35
Owen King,	79 87
D. W. Gardner,	19 80
Geo. Hopkins,	60 38
Michael R. Murphy,	1 27
William Madden,	2 70
William Penpraese,	26 25
William F. Ryder,	16 20
Cyrus Alger,	107 18
Chas. Smith,	81 75
Henry Howland,	12 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,988 25



<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,988 25
Paid Stillman Hersey,	52 95
James Howard,	26 50
George Howard,	4 50
S. N. Howard,	5 62
J. S. Jones,	9 00
Nathan Alger,	13 50
Chas. Egan,	10 50
M. Egan,	60 78
T. Carroll,	50 25
L. E. and E. Copeland,	41 40
J. Q. Hartwell,	5 40
John Oleson,	14 25
P. Connolly,	13 50
M. Willis,	36
S. D. Simpson,	3 40
M. Dunbar,	1 00
L. E. Hayward,	137 16
E. B. Wilbar,	322 45
D. Copeland,	301 27
Total,	<hr/> \$3,062 04

#### NEW ROADS.

The town appropriated three hundred dollars for rebuilding a part of Elm street, and two hundred dollars for rebuilding Union street. We have rebuilt a section of Elm street, expending three hundred and fifty dollars. We have also built a part of Union street, expending one hundred and fifty dollars, and we recommend that the remaining fifty dollars appropri-

ated for that road be used there, together with such additional sum from the appropriation for highways as may be necessary to complete it in a thorough manner.

#### GUIDE BOARDS.

The Road Commissioners recommend that guide boards be maintained at the following places :—

Joshua T. Ryder's,	Chas. W. Copeland's,
Justin W. Richard's,	North Centre school-house,
Joseph Kingman's	Heman Copeland's,
Lewis Ryder's,	Nahum Leonard's,
Pine Hill Cemetery,	J. Q. Hartwell's,
Charles Howard's,	Stillman W. Hersey's,
Charles T. Morse's,	Dwelley Fobes',
Molbry A. Ripley's,	Benjamin Howard's,
James Alger's furnace,	George Wilbur's,
Barnabas Dunbar's,	John B. Holmes',
Cyrus P. Browne's,	George R. Drake's,
Joseph Alger's,	Edward Lothrop's,
West of Almshouse,	D. W. Gardner's,
Edmund Geary's,	Waldo Howard's,
North of Chas. N. Martin's.	

#### STATEMENT.

Balance of appropriation for the repair of highways unexpended Feb. 1, 1885,	\$583 20
Appropriation for repairs of roads and bridges for 1885,	2,500 00
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	\$3,083 20
Amount expended to Feb. 1, 1886,	2,562 04
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Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1886,	\$521 16

## FOR NEW ROADS.

Appropriation for Elm street, 1885,	\$300 00
Amount expended on Elm street,	350 00
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Exceeding appropriation on Elm street,	\$50 00
 Appropriation for Union street,	 \$200 00
Amount expended on Union street,	150 00
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Balance unexpended on Union street,	\$50 00

DAVIS COPELAND,	}	<i>Road Commissioners.</i>
L. E. HAYWARD,		
E. BRADFORD WILBUR,		

## Town Clerk's Report.

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### *Marriages Recorded in West Bridgewater in 1885.*

- Jan. 1. Paul Revere, of Brockton, and Lucy L. Tisdale,  
of West Bridgewater.
- Jan. 1. Horace Atwell, of Duxbury, and Mary Ann Barry,  
of West Bridgewater.
- Jan. 14. Wallace C. Keith, of West Bridgewater, and Helen  
R. Ford, of Brockton.
- Feb. 14. Milton Carter Thayer, of West Bridgewater, and  
Deborah Reed Willis, of South Hanson.
- Feb. 17. Charles Monson and Ann Dorothea Normans, both  
of West Bridgewater.
- Mar. 3. James A. Hastings and Catherine B. Mackensie,  
both of West Bridgewater.
- May 31. Michael J. Foley, of East Boston, and Annie E.  
McAnagh, of West Bridgewater.
- June 2. Farnham Gillespie, of Bridgewater, and Helen  
Porter Packard, of West Bridgewater.
- June 3. George Howard, of West Bridgewater, and Ada  
Fisher, of Cambridgeport.
- June 17. John F. Freeman, of West Bridgewater, and Lizzie  
H. Shipman, of East Bridgewater.
- Sept. 6. Francis Willis and Mary Frances Ramsdell, both of  
West Bridgewater.

- Sept. 6. Thomas Howard Churchill, of West Bridgewater,  
and Carrie Martin Brett, of Elmwood.
- Sept. 29. Edward H. Keith, of West Bridgewater, and Vic-  
torine S. Dow, of Brockton.
- Oct. 4. Charles E. Dwyer, of West Bridgewater, and  
Mary A. McCort, of Bridgewater.
- Nov. 5. John O'Neil and Maggie Hennesey, both of West  
Bridgewater.
- Nov. 8. George Hudson, of East Bridgewater, and Laura  
Martin, of West Bridgewater.
- Nov. 23. William H. Burns, of Brockton, and Lydia B.  
Hayward, of West Bridgewater.
- Nov. 26. Joseph C. Howard, of West Bridgewater, and Mary  
E. Morse, of Jewett City, Conn.
- Nov. 28. Linnaeus W. Lunn, of Easton, and Ada E. Dean,  
of Norton.
- Dec. 17. Charles E. Tisdale, and Alice L. Packard, both of  
West Bridgewater.
- Dec. 24. Clinton P. Howard, and Hattie F. Alger, both of  
West Bridgewater.
- Dec. 30. A. C. White, of East Bridgewater, and Henrietta  
F. Clark, of West Bridgewater.

# BIRTHS RECORDED IN WEST BRIDGEWATER IN 1885.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Aug. 27, 1884	Edward D. Matheson . . . .	Male . . . .	Aleck and Maggie Matheson.
Dec. 1, 1884	Florence Isabel Gassett . . . .	Female . . . .	Nelson W. and Martha Gassett.
Jan. 7, 1885	Charles T. Williams, Jr. . . .	Male . . . .	Charles T. and Charlotte Williams.
" 14, "	Honora Kellier . . . . .	Female . . . .	John and Margaret Kellier.
Feb. 21, "	Chester Roland Leach . . . .	Male . . . .	Unite K. and Maggie J. Leach.
Mar. 25, "	John Cotter . . . . .	Male . . . .	Richard and Margaret Cotter.
" 27, "		Male . . . .	Mary Rogers.
" 31, "	David L. Winberg . . . . .	Male . . . .	August and Wendle Winberg.
April 2, "	— Nute . . . . .	Male . . . .	Clarence W. and Evelyn Nute.
" 2, "	Lucy Evangeline Wilds . . . .	Female . . . .	Edwin L. and Caroline E. Wilds.
" 17, "	Herbert Clifton Hartwell . . . .	Male . . . .	John T. and Lizzie L. Hartwell.
May 1, "	Ernest Frank Tisdale . . . .	Male . . . .	Frank S. and Marion P. Tisdale.
" 19, "	Theodore Winthrop Stedman . .	Male . . . .	Theodore and Lillian Stedman.
" 22, "	Ethel Holmes Millet . . . . .	Female . . . .	Herbert and Alice G. Millet.
June 19, "	Ralph Eustace Howard . . . .	Male . . . .	Alfred E. and Edith S. Howard.
" 20, "	Kate Gornley . . . . .	Female . . . .	Hugh and Susan Gornley.
" 26, "	Andrew Gerry Miller . . . .	Male . . . .	Elbridge E. and Sarah C. Miller.
" 27, "	Agnes O'Fallen . . . . .	Female . . . .	Michael and Ellen J. O'Fallen.
July 26, "	Maggie Leary . . . . .	Female . . . .	Lawrence and Margaret Leary.
Aug. 18, "	Bertie M. Pratt . . . . .	Male . . . .	Ira A. and Lucy A. Pratt.
" 19, "	Arthur Lincoln Packard . . . .	Male . . . .	Charles E. and Eugenia Y. Packard.
" 22, "	James Boyd Pratt . . . . .	Male . . . .	Nathaniel and Esther B. Pratt.
Sept. 6, "	Henry Loring Tower . . . . .	Male . . . .	L. Augustus and Mary S. Tower.
Oct. 2, "	Wilfred Farnham Gillespie . . .	Male . . . .	William N. and Sarah F. Shipman.
" 2, "	Louise Packard . . . . .	Female . . . .	Farnham and Nellie P. Gillespie.
" 9, "	Cornelius Looney . . . . .	Male . . . .	L. Sumner and Helen R. Packard.
" 27, "	Robert Dean Alger . . . . .	Male . . . .	Edward and Margaret Looney.
Nov. 21, "		Male . . . .	James O. and Carrie F. Alger.
Dec. 13, "		Male . . . .	Julius L. and Ida Hayward.



DEATHS REGISTERED IN WEST BRIDGEWATER IN 1885.

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Date.	Name of Deceased.	Y.	M.	D.	Place of Birth.	Cause of Death.	Names of Parents.
Jan. 5	Edmund M. Ames.	36	7	6	West Bridgewater.	Convulsions.	Win. B. and Annie C. Ames.
Feb. 23	Gertrude E. Kinney.	3	2	15	West Bridgewater.	Pneumonia.	Warren C. and Hattie C. Kinney.
Mar. 1	Thomas J. Ames.	3	7	24	West Bridgewater.	Consumption.	Willard and Amelia Ames.
9	Julia Gorman.	3	4	22	West Bridgewater.	Pneumonia.	William and Hannah Gorman.
12	John McFadden.	40			West Bridgewater.	Inanition.	James and Margaret McFadden.
27	Male child.	48	10	27	West Bridgewater.	Still born.	Mary Rogers.
May 14	Leander Alger.	37			West Bridgewater.	Consumption.	Edmund and Mary D. Alger.
21	Minerva J. Ames.	88	6	19	West Bridgewater.	Cancer.	Charles and Abigail Ames.
June 24	Alice Michie.	68	5	21	West Bridgewater.	Phthisis.	Elam and Keziah Howard.
July 6	Ephraim Edson.	45	5	11	West Bridgewater.	Heart disease.	Noah and Mary Edson.
Aug 3	Caleb S. Lothrop.	75	2	7	Easton.	Softening of brain.	Caleb and Hannah Lothrop.
10	Howard Alger.	56	5	9	West Bridgewater.	Dysentery.	Edmund and Mary D. Alger.
13	Emeline B. Grover.	27	3	20	Mansfield.	Paralysis.	Otis and Wealthy Sweet.
25	Catherine L. Madden.	27	9		Ireland.	Phthisis.	John and Ellen Madden.
Sept. 29	Lovice M. Field.	56	11	21	Stoughton.	Consumption.	Loving and Lovice White.
Oct. 2	Male child.	47	3	21	West Bridgewater.	Bronchial hemorrhage.	William N. and Sarah F. Shipman.
14	Lizzie D. Atwell.	78	9	21	West Bridgewater.	Dropsy of chest.	Smaca and Eunice Folsom.
18	Galen Howard.	48			West Bridgewater.	General debility.	Galen and Sarah Howard.
19	Timothy Dwyer.	18	1	24	Ireland.	Pneumonia.	Dennis and Mary Dwyer.
27	Jennie B. Packard.	70	11	11	West Bridgewater.	Typhoid fever.	Japhet B. and Lucretia Packard.
Nov. 23	Daniel B. Taylor.	55	6	23	Boston.	Septicæmia.	Eli and Melitable Taylor.
28	Abigail S. Burrill.	87	11	7	West Bridgewater.	Catarrh of lungs.	Jarvis D. and Nancy Burrill.
Dec. 7	Jarvis D. Burrill.	21			Randolph.	Killed by a falling tree.	David and Polly Burrill.
31	Charles Monson.				Sweden.		

## Report of School Committee.

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Herewith we submit the annual report by us required by law. At the beginning of the school year of 1885-6 the committee was composed as follows :—

W. A. LINEHAN and F. S. TISDALE for three years ;

JOSEPH E. RYDER and ALBERT COPELAND for two years ;

LUCIUS DUNBAR and E. T. SNELL for one year.

The board at their first meeting organized as follows : Lucius Dunbar, chairman ; Albert Copeland, secretary ; F. S. Tisdale, E. T. Snell and J. E. Ryder, committee on repairs ; F. S. Tisdale and E. T. Snell, truant officers. The schools were assigned to sub-committees as follows :—

North and North Centre to Mr. Copeland.

Cochesett to Mr. Tisdale.

Centre to Mr. Dunbar.

South to Mr. Snell.

East to Mr. Ryder.

Jerusalem to Mr. Linehan.

Heretofore, owing to the time of closing the last term of the school in the year, the bills for the last term of the previous year have become payable at the beginning of the financial year of the town. To avoid this somewhat confused state of things, and to make the report of the condition of the schools and the state of the finances of the school department more complete

and distinct, the committee deemed it advisable to change the terms of the school year so that they should all close before the expiration of the financial year of the town (Jan. 31st of each year). This for the last year of 1885-6 has been accomplished, and as far as known there are no unpaid bills of said school year carried over to be paid during the next financial year. If this arrangement is continued, the future reports will show each school year fully completed and duly reported. Another good feature of the present division of terms is, that it gives three-fourths of the schools in the warm season, thus making a large saving of expense in fuel, besides avoiding the usually inclement and stormy months of February and March, thus considerably increasing the percentage of attendance for the year. In this report we propose first to give the bills which were drawn from the treasury at the beginning of the financial year to complete the school year of 1884-5, and then give the bills drawn for the complete school year of 1885-6.

#### TEACHERS' DEPARTMENT.

Paid A. A. Frawley,	\$120 00	
A. K. Littlefield,	100 00	
I. S. Wood,	90 00	
W. A. Holmes,	85 00	
M. A. Dewyre,	90 00	
Jennie Thorpe,	102 00	
E. H. Benson,	120 00	
L. M. Swift,	90 00	
L. M. Toothaker,	99 00	
S. L. Waldron,	90 00	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/>	\$986 00

*Amount brought forward,* \$986 00

JANITORS' BILLS.

Paid M. A. Dewyre,	\$10 00	
W. A. Holmes,	10 00	
H. P. Snow,	10 00	
A. L. McDonald,	10 00	
C. H. Morrison,	8 00	
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		\$48 00
To complete the school year of 1884-5,		<hr/>
		\$1,034 00

TEACHERS' DEPARTMENT FOR 1885-6.

Paid S. L. Waldron,	\$288 00
I. S. Wood,	288 00
M. A. Tisdale,	320 00
Jennie Thorpe,	272 00
E. H. Benson,	320 00
M. A. Dewyre,	320 00
W. A. Holmes,	272 00
A. A. Frawley,	320 00
L. M. Toothaker,	288 00
L. M. Swift,	108 00
Clara B. Leach,	176 00
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	\$2,972 00

## JANITORS FOR THE YEAR 1885-6.

Paid C. H. Morrisson,	\$20 00
M. A. Dewyre,	10 00
W. A. Holmes,	10 00
E. H. Benson,	2 50
J. Thorpe,	2 50
H. Webb,	5 00
R. D. Fobes,	10 00
A. C. Snow,	10 00
A. L. McDonald,	10 00
F. Hayward,	10 00
Geo. Kingman,	10 00
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	\$100 00

## FUEL DEPARTMENT.

Paid E. T. Snell, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ cords oak at South,	\$27 50
“ “ 1 cord pine “	4 00
Owen King, cutting and housing,	13 00
Horace Bartlett, 5 cords oak at Centre,	25 00
“ “ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ “ pine “	6 00
Wm. Penphrase, cutting and housing,	13 00
Chas. T. Williams, 5 cords oak at Cochesett,	22 00
“ “ 1 cord pine “	4 00
Wm. Penpraese, cutting wood “	10 00
C. H. Morrison, housing wood “	2 50
L. E. Hayward, 2 cords oak at Jerusalem,	10 25
“ “ 1 cord pine “	4 00
“ “ cutting and housing wood,	7 50
L. T. Howard, 1 cord oak at North,	5 00
“ “ 1 “ maple “	4 50
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$158 25

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$158 25
Paid L. T. Howard, 1 cord pine at North,	4 00
“ “ cutting and housing,	6 00
Davis Copeland, 4 cords wood, cut and housed,	28 00
J. E. Ryder, wood cut and housed,	25 40
<b>Total amount for fuel for year 1885-6,</b>	<b>\$221 65</b>

## EXPENDITURES.

Total amount for janitors for year 1885-6,	\$100 00
“ “ “ teachers “ “	2972 00
Paid East Bridgewater for tuition,	145 36
<b>Showing cost of schools to be</b>	<b>\$3,439 01</b>

## RECEIPTS.

Town grant, 1885,	\$3,000 00
Income of Mass. school fund,	216 46
Received of Owen King for standing wood,	5 00
<b>Total receipts,</b>	<b>\$3,221 46</b>
<b>Overdrawn,</b>	<b>217 55</b>
	<b>\$3,439 01</b>
 Drawn from treasury to complete the school year of 1884-5,	 \$1,034 00
Whole amount drawn for the financial year end- ing Jan. 31st, 1886,	\$4,473 01



## DEPARTMENT OF REPAIRS.

Paid E. T. Howard, for mason's work at Cochesett,	\$27 00	
A. Copeland, for painter's stock at Cochesett,	9 20	
A. Copeland, for painter's work, 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> days at Cochesett,	18 00	
A. Copeland, for frieze at Co- chesett,	4 25	
	<hr/>	\$58 45
Paid A. Copeland for painter's stock at East,	\$9 93	
A. Copeland for work, 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> days at East,	13 75	
	<hr/>	\$23 68
Paid A. Copeland for painter's work, 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> days at North,	\$13 00	
A. Copeland for painter's stock at North,	8 98	
A. Copeland for 1 pair blinds at North,	1 75	
A. Copeland for chalk trough and frieze at North,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$26 23
Paid A. Copeland for painter's stock at North Centre,	\$8 01	
A. Copeland for painter's work, 4 days at North Centre,	10 00	
A. Copeland for 1 pair blinds at North Centre,	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$20 26
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		<hr/> 128 62

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$128 62
Paid Mary Dugan, cleaning Centre houses,	8 60
“ “ “ South Grammar,	3 00
Mrs. McDonald, “ North,	1 25
Mrs. Toothaker, “ North Centre,	2 00
H. S. Shaw, “ wells,	4 00
E. T. Snell, “ at South,	2 00
W. A. Linehan, repairs at Jerusalem,	7 15
G. R. Drake, brooms,	58
C. H. Morrisson, repairs on clock and lock,	75
Wales Bros., 2 log pumps,	40 00
J. E. Ryder, repairs at East,	5 15
A. Copeland, glass and setting at South,	2 00
E. T. Snell, repairs on outbuilding,	2 00
F. S. Tisdale, repairs at Cochesett,	9 07
F. W. Howard, “ “	6 84
Lucius Dunbar, “ Centre,	4 05
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	\$227 06
 Town grant,	 \$300 00
Expended,	227 06
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Unexpended,	\$72 94

## REPORT OF THE AGENT FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

*Gentlemen of the Committee:*—Since the last report I have paid as follows:—

To Knight, Adams & Co., writing books,	\$16 00
Harper Bros., spellers, geographies and grammars,	90 72
Leach, Sewell & Sanborn, lessons on human body,	10 80
Chas. H. Whiting, U. S. histories,	10 00
Geo. F. King & Merrill, paper, pens, etc.,	15 60
Thompson, Brown & Co., arithmetics,	36 24
Hooper & Clark, slates,	62
G. R. Drake, slates,	83
Wm. Ware & Co., readers,	1 00
W. P. Adams, readers,	12 96
Postage and express,	2 03
Total bills paid,	<hr/> \$196 80
Received inventory of stock on hand Jan 31st, 1885,	\$73 33
Bill due from C. C. Merritt's Express Co.,	12 08
Cash in hands of agent Jan. 31, 1885,	9 18
Drawn from town treasury,	182 69
	<hr/> \$277 28
Inventory of stock on hand Jan. 31, 1886,	\$47 33
Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1886,	7 15
Books and supplies furnished schools,	222 80
	<hr/> \$277 28

## INVENTORY OF BOOKS AND SUPPLIES ON HAND JAN. 31, 1886.

1 school geography,	\$ 80
3 Intro. geographies,	1 05
3 English grammars,	1 38
6 language lessons,	1 68
7 Brand's human body,	3 00
2 U. S. histories,	1 60
12 readers,	5 01
9 Harrington spellers,	1 35
1 gross penholders,	35
3 dozen ink powders,	5 40
1 " pointers,	1 50
100 slate pencils.	25
1 gross slate erasers,	85
1 call bell,	36
8 reams letter paper.	10 80
5 " ex. paper, white,	2 25
4 " buff paper,	1 60
8 1-12 dozen writing books,	8 10
1 dozen blackboard erasers,	90
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	\$47 33

The average number of pupils enrolled in the schools is 260 ; the cost of books and supplies furnished has been \$222.80, or .857 cents per scholar. If the furnishing of free text books and supplies is continued, which must be unless the law should be repealed, the town will need to raise the same sum as last year, namely, \$150, for this department.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

ALBERT COPELAND, Agent.

At first sight it looks as though the expenses of the department of schools were very much in excess of previous years, but when it is considered that heretofore in making the report the financial year of the schools has closed with the fall term, leaving the whole expense of the winter term of the schools to be paid at the beginning of the financial year of the town, and has come into the expense of the next year, leaving the closing term of the schools, in most cases, unreported, which by the arrangement of terms as last year, the school year and the financial year of the town closed at the same time, and all the bills for the year are paid and there is no balance to be drawn from the treasury at the commencement of the year. As far as now appears there will be no draft on the treasury for the schools until the expiration of the next spring term, and for once the department of schools will have no outstanding balance to be drawn from the treasury in the first weeks of the year, and enters the new town year with a clean financial record, which, in the opinion of your committee, is the way it should be, thus bringing all the departments of town expenditures to a close at the end of the town year.

In regard to the conditions of the several schools, we call your attention to the report of the Superintendent of Schools, which accompanies this report, as embodying all that need be said under this head. In regard to the school property, the report under the head of repairs gives the items of expenditures under this head, giving as it does the special repairs on the several school houses and the premises therewith connected, \$168.62, and for miscellaneous small repairs to be \$58.44.

For the ensuing year, unless something unforeseen takes place, there will be no special repairs except at Jerusalem, where the house needs painting outside and inside, and at the Centre where the small house may require to be shingled. We



think one hundred and twenty-five dollars may be ample for these, and also estimate that the miscellaneous repairs on the other property need not exceed seventy-five dollars, thus making for repairs two hundred dollars.

In March, 1885, there was a petition presented to the board requesting that the two schools at the Centre be placed under one teacher, as a measure of efficiency and economy. In considering this subject, the committee did not see the propriety of uniting in one school at the Centre, and thought with equal propriety, looking exclusively at the subject economically, that the two schools at Cochesett and the two at the South should be united and placed under one teacher each. The committee are of the opinion that the uniting of these schools, while making a decided saving of expense, would be detrimental to efficiency and progress. The petitioners, in support of their case, cite the instance of Miss Frawley's school at the East, and seem to have lost view of the fact that Miss Frawley was permitted to dispense with certain studies to enable her to get through with her work, while Mrs. Crosby kindly lent her aid and very materially supplemented the labors of the teachers. The labors of Mrs. Crosby in the school were gratuitous, but were of such a nature as to warrant some testimonial of appreciation, either by the patrons of the school or the town. We think if the town would instruct the committee by vote, in this direction, that they might be inclined to listen to such instruction, although this matter of the number of schools necessary to be maintained by the town is by law placed in the hands of the superintending committee.

In closing our report, permit us to suggest to the consideration of the voters of the town the subject of the East and Matfield or Beaver territory. The East, during a portion of the last year, has had fifty pupils, a number rather too large in a



mixed school to be under one teacher; while from Beaver we send into East Bridgewater schools eighteen pupils, and with the present prospect it may be more, rather than less, in the future. Now the citizens of this town and the town authorities have no knowledge of the condition of these pupils, as all things connected with their school life are looked after by the authorities of East Bridgewater, and we have no voice in the subject, but pay to said town upwards of of \$180 per year for tuition. The point to which we would call your attention is, would it not be well for us to consider the expediency of taking those eighteen pupils who now go into East Bridgewater and the pupils on both sides of the road leading to the powder house corner to Matfield station, and thus form another school to be located in the vicinity of Matfield station, thus relieving the East school of its surplus, and gathering all our scholars into our own schools and under our care and supervision.

Therefore in view of the facts stated in this report, we recommend that the town raise for the ensuing year sums as follows :

For the support of schools,	\$3,000 00
For repairs and furnishings,	200 00
For free text books and supplies,	150 00

There were on the first day of May last three hundred and ten scholars between five and fifteen years of age. Of this number two hundred and seventy-eight are in our schools and those of East Bridgewater, besides those under fifteen belonging in town who attend the Howard Institute and boys' high school, which schools we have failed to receive reports from. The terms of office to which Messrs. Dunbar and Snell were elected expire with the present school year, and also Mr.

Ryder has resigned his office, to take effect on the first day of March next. Thus there are three members of the board to be elected at the next annual meeting, two for three years and one for one year.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

LUCIUS DUNBAR,	} <i>School Committee.</i>
J. E. RYDER,	
F. S. TISDALE,	
E. T. SNELL,	
ALBERT COPELAND,	
W. A. LINEHAN,	}

West Bridgewater, Feb. 1, 1886.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

*Gentlemen of the School Committee:—*

Having been appointed by your board superintendent of the public schools, permit me to report to you the condition of your schools at the close of the school year of 1885-6, and also to offer some suggestions in relation to the future operations of your board.

It is rarely that men who look forward to the strict performance of duty are satisfied with their achievements ; such, at least, has been my experience in the performance of the duties imposed upon me, and no doubt you, in your capacity, have reached the same results. The year just closed has been one of general progress. In some of the schools the gain has been very marked, while others have failed to realize our hopes. It is my purpose to take up each school separately, to speak of its progress and present condition, and make some suggestions for your consideration as to the future.

## COCHESETT GRAMMAR.

This school, for the last two terms of the previous year, was in charge of Miss Agnes K. Littlefield, of East Bridgewater, a teacher of a great deal of energy and force, and who did much to redeem the school from the broken and disordered state in which she found it. We hoped to continue her in the school for the coming year, but at the time to begin her work she was prevented from doing so by sickness. After delaying the commencement of the school one week, it was placed (after much

reluctance and many misgivings on the part of the teacher, and which your superintendent and the committee shared to some extent) in charge of Miss Mary A. Tisdale, a former pupil in the school, but more recently a graduate of the State Normal School at Bridgewater, and who had taught with a good degree of success in the schools of other towns. Miss Tisdale engaged in her work with the enforcement of a mild, decisive and efficient discipline, while her methods of instruction were such as has made her work a decided success, and at the close of the year this school stands well in comparison with the other schools of the town.

#### COCHESETT PRIMARY.

This school for the entire year has been in charge of Miss I. S. Wood, of this town, a teacher of many years' service in this school. Her work has been commented upon in former reports as being eminently successful. She is not satisfied with simple success, but labors to make her work progressive. The school stands well among the others of similar grade in the town.

#### JERUSALEM.

This school, from its somewhat isolated position and small number of scholars, has been one in which it has been difficult to maintain that ardor and interest in its work enjoyed by larger schools, but its numbers have been increased and it is no longer to be classed as a dead school, and while it is not prominent among the other schools of the town in scholarship, yet its progress in the work of the year has been better than in some of the other schools. The school is in charge of Miss Sadie Waldron, of South Easton, who taught it the preceding year. She was a graduate of the Easton high school, who brought to the

work the benefit of no systematic training for her profession, yet, by diligent application to her duties, is in a fair way to achieve marked success.

#### NORTH SCHOOL.

This school has for some time been in charge of Mrs. L. M. Swift, of Maine, a graduate of the Maine Normal School, in whose care the school has been quite successful, and whom you elected as teacher for the year. At the end of the spring term, tempted by the offer of a better position in the schools of Brockton, she resigned her position, much to the regret of the committee and the patrons of the school. Mrs. Swift was succeeded by Miss Clara B. Leach, of this town, a graduate of our high school, who has taught the remaining terms of the year. Miss Leach brought to her work no previous experience or the benefit of any special training for the teacher's work; it was not to be expected that a novice, following a skilled and trained teacher, should achieve very eminent success. The aim of her teaching has not been so much a rapid advance in the studies, as to make thorough and efficient the advance already made. Idleness seems to be the prevailing fault in this school, and unless these habits are corrected the school must lose standing among the schools of the town.

#### NORTH CENTRE.

This school has for the entire year been in charge of Mrs. L. M. Toothaker, a successful teacher of several previous years. Mrs. Toothaker brings to her work the fruits of years of careful study and great experience, and as a result her work is characterized, if not by great advances (yet in this direction, in some cases, the results are fine), by thought and thoroughness, as has



been repeatedly shown in the success of pupils from her school in entering higher schools.

#### EAST SCHOOL.

This school has for the entire year been in care of Miss A. A. Frawley, of Bridgewater, who has had charge for several previous years; a teacher of sterling worth, prompt and efficient in discipline, and bringing to her work the results of years of study and experience, concentrating all her energies in the work of the school-room, and the result is one of our good schools.

#### SOUTH GRAMMAR

Has for the entire year been in charge of Miss M. A. Dewyre, of this town, a graduate of the Normal School, and the successful teacher of this school for several previous years. Much has been said of the excellency of this school in the past, and we can only add that term after term and year after year gives increasing evidence of the value of the work of this school in giving to the pupils who, most of them, will leave school at an early age, (and a very small per cent. of them will have the advantages of any better educational training), the advantages of thorough, practical training that will fit them for the every day business of life.

#### SOUTH PRIMARY.

Miss W. A. Holmes, of this town, the efficient teacher of this school for several years, is still in charge. The excellencies of this school are known to many; orderly, quiet, yet thorough and complete in all its work, a faithful ally of the neighboring grammar school. The aim of the teacher seems to be to fit her pupils for abundant entrance into the higher department of school work, in which she is eminently successful.



## CENTRE GRAMMAR

Has been in charge of Miss Ellen H. Benson, of Bridgewater, the teacher of the previous year and a graduate of the Normal School. There are some peculiar elements in this school, which at the beginning it was hoped to overcome, and to a certain extent it has been accomplished. The difficulty seemed to pervade the whole school at the end of the last year, but now seems to be mostly confined to the boys. It is very rare to notice in any one school so marked a difference in the sexes, but here the girls are quiet, orderly, fairly industrious, interested in the lessons and prompt in the recitations in the classes; the boys are disorderly, restless, with apparently no interest in their lessons, and altogether disrespectful in their behaviour towards their teacher. The teacher has wrought faithfully and is evidently dissatisfied with results.

## CENTRE PRIMARY.

This has been in charge of Miss Jennie Thorpe, of this town. Miss Thorpe is a teacher of considerable force and decision, with which she to some degree inspires her pupils, and has an aptness in imparting instruction. Quiet, order and strict attention to the business in hand marks the school-room.

Thus I have endeavored to give you an impartial sketch of the conditions of the several schools. Taking them as a whole, they are in good condition and the general progress is quite commendable. In reading, spelling, writing and languages the gain is very apparent, especially in the younger pupils; of these, the three primary and North Centre schools are most noticeable, and especially in the South Primary the work done is very fine considering the age of the pupils. In map drawing from memory the work done in the South Grammar stands

pre-eminent, while there were some fair specimens in some of the others. In the other branches taught, the work has been characterized by thoroughness in general principles and their application to practical work.

I would suggest that in the coming year more attention be given to imparting confidence to the pupils in their recitations. It is one thing to think you know a thing, and another to be entirely confident that you know it. In this direction I suggest that the greater part of one-half day, say Friday afternoon of each week, in the several schools, be given to declamations, select readings, and the reading of compositions by the pupils where practicable.

You are aware that much has been said relative to uniting the two schools at the centre, as a matter of economy. In this, please permit me to suggest, for your consideration, that if this be done, with equal propriety the South and Cochesett schools may be united. This must be the conclusion reached by looking at the subject in a strictly economical light.

And now comes the pertinent question: Can West Bridgewater afford to take a backward step in her policy towards her public schools? For, in the opinion of all the best educators, it would be a step backward.

I make no recommendations, but merely make these suggestions for the careful consideration of your board.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

ALBERT COPELAND,

*Supt. of Schools..*

West Bridgewater, Feb. 1st, 1886.

## SPRING TERM.

SCHOOLS.	Length of School in weeks.	Number of Scholars Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Not Absent or Tardy.	Over Fifteen Years of age.	Less than five years of age.	Wages of Teacher per month.
South Grammar . . . . .	11	18	17.91	12.24	6	0	0	\$40
South Primary . . . . .	11	22	21.5	20.68	6	0	1	34
Centre Primary . . . . .	11	23	20.9	19.9	5	0	0	34
Centre Grammar . . . . .	11	24	22.2	20.2	7	0	0	40
East . . . . .	11	50	47.3	43.3	4	1	1	40
North . . . . .	12	22	21.33	20.33	7	0	1	36
North Centre . . . . .	11	36	33.99	31.9	9	0	3	36
Cochesett Grammar . . . . .	11	20	18.31	16.12	4	1	0	40
Cochesett Primary . . . . .	11	34	28.66	26.66	1	0	0	36
Jerusalem . . . . .	12	18	14.25	11.83	2	1	0	36

## FALL TERM.

SCHOOLS.	Length of School in weeks.	Number of Scholars Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Not Absent or Tardy.	Over Fifteen Years of age.	Less than five years of age.	Wages of Teacher per month.
South Grammar . . . . .	12	24	20.	18.8	3	0	0	\$40
South Primary . . . . .	12	26	21.56	21.46	5	0	0	34
Centre Primary . . . . .	12	24	21.91	18.05	5	0	0	34
Centre Grammar . . . . .	12	20	19.31	17.37	4	0	0	40
East . . . . .	12	36	32.65	29.83	3	0	0	40
North . . . . .	11	29	26.55	24.16	3	0	0	32
North Centre . . . . .	12	37	34.75	32.76	8	0	1	36
Cochesett Grammar . . . . .	12	21	16.54	15.53	1	3	0	40
Cochesett Primary . . . . .	11	35	31.5	28.	0	0	0	36
Jerusalem . . . . .	12	18	12.75	10.82	2	0	0	

## WINTER TERM.

SCHOOLS.	Length of School in weeks.	Number of Scholars Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Not Absent or Tardy.	Over Fifteen Years of age.	Less than five years of age.	Wages of Teacher per month.
South Grammar . . . . .	9	20	19.	17.71	5	0	0	\$40
South Primary . . . . .	9	22	21.6	20.35	10	0	0	34
Centre Primary . . . . .	9	21	20.37	13.15	1	0	0	34
Centre Grammar . . . . .	9	21	21.	19.8	5	1	0	40
East . . . . .	9	31	31.	28.	4	0	0	40
North . . . . .	9	26	26.	24.33	4	0	0	32
North Centre . . . . .	9	33	33.	29.75	5	0	0	36
Cochesett Grammar . . . . .	12	19	18.33	15.02	1	3	0	40
Cochesett Primary . . . . .	10	36	26.33	22.33	2	0	0	36
Jerusalem . . . . .	8	17	15.5	11.75	1	0	0	36

Number of scholars in town May 1st, 1885, 310.

Average enrollment in the schools, 260.

Average membership, 237.05.

Average attendance, 214.74.



## Report of the Public Library.

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For the year ending January 31st, 1886, there has been added to the library, by gift and purchase, one hundred and fifty-two volumes, making the total number of books on the shelves Feb. 1st, 1886, 2,571.

### COST OF MAINTAINING THE LIBRARY.

The receipts and expenses for the year have been as follows,  
viz :—

#### *Receipts.*

From Town Treasurer, April 20, 1885,	\$80 00
“ “ June 29,	60 00
“ “ Sept. 28,	50 00
“ “ Jan. 4, 1886,	131 53
Miss E. Kingman, for books,	70
Miss Crowinshield, for books,	67
Mrs L. S. Packard, for binding magazines,	3 00
Miss Helen Magill, binding books,	3 75
Mrs. M. K. Crosby, for books,	3 23
Mrs. H. F. Hayward, for books,	8 50
Fines,	13 64
Sales of catalogues and cards,	4 03
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	\$359 05



*Expenses.*

Paid librarian, salary,	\$104 36	
Estes & Lauriat, books and binding,	176 48	
Subscriptions to magazines,	37 00	
For oil, express, postage, stationery, &c.,	12 99	
For printing cards and regulations,	6 00	
For insurance,	10 20	
For Gen. Grant's Memoirs,	3 50	
Balance in hands of undersigned,	8 52	
	<hr/>	\$359 05

The number of volumes loaned during the year was 5,426, an average for each day of 108. By a comparison with last year's report it will be seen that there has been a falling off in circulation of nearly twenty per cent.

The proportion of each class of books taken from the library for the past year has been as follows : —

Agriculture,	1 1-3 per cent.
Art,	1-3 of 1 “
Biography,	4 “
Fiction,	46 “
General literature,	3 1-2 “
History,	2 “
Humorous works,	2 1-2 “
Juvenile,	16 “

Magazines,	18	per cent.
Poetry,	1 1-4	“
References,	1-6 of 1	“
Religion and Theology,	1-12 of 1	“
Science,	1 1-3	“
Travels,	3 1-2	“

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. PACKARD.











*H. H. Litch*

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# TOWN OFFICERS.

## *Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.*

HENRY COPELAND, MOLBRY A. RIPLEY, SAMUEL H. HOWARD.

### *Town Clerk.*

BENJAMIN B. HOWARD.

### *Collector and Treasurer.*

CHARLES E. TISDALE.

### *School Committee.*

MRS. M. K. CROSBY, W. A. LINEHAN, MRS. H. J. LELASHUER,  
FRANK TISDALE, J. A. SHORES, ALBERT COPELAND.

### *Trustees of Public Library.*

CHARLES R. PACKARD, MRS. HENRY COPELAND, WILLIAM BROWN,  
MISS ELIZABETH KINGMAN, MISS HELEN MAGILL, JAMES A. SHORES.

### *Surveyors of Highways.*

E. B. WILBER, CYRUS ALGER, ELI WHEELER, L. A. FLAGG,  
SAMUEL G. COPELAND, J. Q. HARTWELL, ERLAND THAYER.

### *Constables.*

GEORGE BURKE, HERBERT MILLETT, ELLIS R. HOLBROOK.

### *Field Drivers.*

CHARLES E. TISDALE, EDWARD KEITH, HARRY MITCHELL,  
DANIEL W. GARDNER, CLINTON P. HOWARD.

### *Fence Viewers.*

JAMES HOWARD, CHARLES HIGGINS.

### *Surveyors of Lumber.*

LEAVITT T. HOWARD, FRIEND W. HOWARD, S. L. RYDER.

### *Sealer of Weights and Measures.*

SAMUEL D. BARTLETT.

### *Measurers of Wood and Bark.*

CLINTON P. HOWARD, L. T. HOWARD, ALBERT L. ALGER,  
ERLAND THAYER, M. A. RIPLEY.

### *Registrars.*

JAMES A. FORBES, LUCIUS DUNBAR, F. E. HOWARD.

### *Auditors.*

BENJAMIN HOWARD, WARREN R. KEITH, HORACE W. HOWARD.

# Annual Report of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

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The Selectmen of West Bridgewater submit the following Report of the financial condition of the town, with the receipts and expenditures from Feb. 1, 1886, to Feb. 1, 1887.

## REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

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### VALUATION.

*As Assessed May 1, 1886.*

Value of real estate,	\$790,094 00
“ personal estate,	156,966 00
Total,	<u>\$947,060 00</u>

### ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	\$825 00
County tax,	1,014 76
Town grant,	9,650 00
Overlaying on Taxes,	370 43
Total tax,	<u>\$11,860 19</u>

Rate of tax, \$11.50 per \$1,000. Poll tax,—males, \$2.00, females, 50c.

Number of polls,	484
females,	2
acres of land,	9872
dwelling houses,	378
horses,	321
cows,	539
sheep,	90
swine,	120
young stock,	134
dogs licensed, 155,	\$367

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

For support of schools,	\$3,000 00
school supplies and repairs,	350 00
repairs on highways,	2,000 00
bridges,	2,500 00
support of poor,	1,400 00
town officers,	700 00
incidentals,	600 00
public lectures,	100 00
West Centre street bridge,	1,000 00
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	\$11,650 00
The town voted to borrow	2,000 00
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Leaving town grant,	\$9,650 00

#### TOWN PROPERTY.

Valuation of town farm,	\$4,100 00
personal property,	2,130 00
nine school houses,	11,700 00
town library,	2,500 00

HENRY COPELAND,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
MOLBRY A. RIPLEY,	
SAMUEL H. HOWARD,	
	<i>and</i>
	<i>Assessors.</i>



# REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

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## INVENTORY OF ALMSHOUSE, FEB. 1, 1887.

12 tons English hay,	\$240 00
7 tons meadow hay,	84 00
1 1-2 tons oat fodder,	20 00
3 tons bedding hay,	24 00
2 tons corn fodder,	12 00
shorts and meal,	6 00
100 bushels ears of corn,	45 00
8 bushels beans,	14 00
2 oxen,	150 00
1 horse,	150 00
7 cows,	280 00
3 swine,	24 00
80 fowls,	60 00
5 white Pekin ducks,	5 00
75 bushels potatoes,	46 00
20 bushels turnips,	10 00
5 bushels parsnips and beets,	3 00
3 bushels onions,	3 00
cabbages,	3 00
1 1-2 barrels apples,	3 00
250 pounds pork,	20 00
124 pounds ham,	12 40
80 pounds lard,	8 00
5 pounds butter,	1 50
crackers,	1 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,224 90

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,224 90
1 barrel flour,	6 00
salt and soap,	3 00
groceries,	7 00
pickles,	1 00
3 pork barrels,	3 00
7 stoves,	50 00
household furniture,	60 00
tin ware,	10 00
crockery, stove ware and lanterns,	30 00
3 churns,	10 00
wooden ware,	12 00
beds and bedding,	80 00
table linen and cloth,	12 00
1 new hay wagon,	45 00
1 covered express wagon,	100 00
2 tip carts,	70 00
1 pung,	15 00
1 cart harness,	10 00
2 harnesses,	20 00
4 ox yokes,	12 00
sled, drag and wheelbarrow,	12 00
robes and blankets,	20 00
mowing machine and horse rake,	90 00
farming tools,	85 00
ashes,	8 00
barn yard manure,	100 00
6 barrels hen manure,	6 00
7 cords wood,	21 00
40 oak posts,	8 00
coal,	7 00
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	\$2,137 90

## RECEIPTS AT ALMSHOUSE.

JAMES C. LEIGHTON, Warden.

Received for milk,	\$361 20
butter,	66 19
labor off farm,	132 25
eggs,	78 93
onions,	71 40
hay,	70 20
potatoes,	42 95
beans,	12 33
apples,	6 75
poultry,	54 08
lodging pedlers,	12 80
peas,	3 40
premium,	2 00
beef,	37 43
pork,	20 82
calves,	15 12
lumber,	33 46
wood,	77 00
57 tramps,	28 50
attending with hearse 9 times,	18 00
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	\$1,144 81
Decrease in inventory,	235 30
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	909 51

## EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for flour,	\$41 75
labor on farm,	134 50
meat,	83 45
fish,	23 57
boots and shoes,	24 52
hardware,	7 50
tires on wagon,	7 50
garden and grass seed,	17 44
blacksmithing,	19 37
lumber,	10 61
3 shoats,	15 00
hay rigging,	34 70
clothing and bedding,	42 60
wire fencing,	5 32
medicine,	12 90
butchering,	5 75
2 pork barrels,	1 50
soap,	7 50
team hired,	4 00
vegetables,	2 75
snuff and tobacco,	6 31
use of stock,	4 75
repairing stoves,	4 90
tin ware,	4 62
horse blanket,	2 00
coal,	13 00
fertilizer,	27 50
lime,	1 30
smoking hams,	1 25
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$567 86

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$567 86
Paid for sundries,	7 95
groceries,	145 80
grain,	351 22
warden's salary,	341 67
lot of wood,	100 00
Dr. J. C. Swan,	12 50
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Total expenditures during the year,	\$1,527 00
Total receipts during the year,	909 51
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Total expense in house,	\$617 49
Total expense out of house,	1,034 74
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Total expense of poor in West Bridgewater,	\$1,652 23
Appropriation,	1,400 00

## EXPENSE OF POOR OUT OF HOUSE.

Aid to Edmond Alger,	\$114 72
Frank Fadden's children for board and clothing,	187 65
Frank Fadden at T. L. hospital,	25 67
Lombard child for board,	10 00
E. Whitmarsh,	5 00
Fred. Leonard,	104 00
Mrs. Jonas Leonard, doctor's bill,	183 75
“ “ nurse's bill,	121 80
“ “ groceries and supplies,	75 19
Mary O'Neil,	21 50
E. Godfrey, wood and groceries,	10 00
Mary Sullivan,	7 00
Mrs. Kenney,	6 00
Patrick Kenney, burial clothes and coffin,	14 00
C. E. Williams, supplies,	1 67
M. Cornwall, wood,	12 50
Kate Brown, doctor's bill,	10 00
James Shields, nursing,	5 00
Flora McIvor, “	10 00
N. Pratt, of Plympton,	122 53
E. Horton, of Rehoboth,	313 27
Paid city of Taunton for the Hervey, Morse and Eaton families,	109 49
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	\$1,470 74
Due from Rehoboth,	\$313 27
“ Plympton,	122 53
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	\$435 80
Total expense of poor out of house,	\$1,034 74
Due from Braintree, for Mrs. Mansfield,	86 11
“ Bridgewater, for M. Cornwall,	12 50



NAMES OF PERSONS SUPPORTED IN THE ALMSHOUSE DURING  
THE YEAR 1886.

Ann Flynn,	Age 77,	52 weeks.
Abby Fadden,	" 58,	52 "
Michael Ryan,	" 38,	52 "
Albert Staples,	" 44,	52 "
Mary Rogers,	" 31,	52 "
Frank Fadden,	" 30,	52 "
Emma Morse,	" 18,	52 "
Eyrom Morse,	" 13,	6 $\frac{1}{7}$ "
Ebenezer Whitmarsh,	" 74,	2 $\frac{6}{7}$ "
James Shields,	" 34,	1 "
Mary Morse,	" 11,	6 "

Average number during the year, 7 $\frac{4}{13}$ .

Average cost per week, \$1.62 $\frac{9}{19}$ .

From the receipts and expenditures of the Almshouse the cost of care for the poor has been only \$1.00 per week, but owing to depreciation in inventory the above figures show the expense.

HENRY COPELAND,	} <i>Overseers</i>
MOLBRY A. RIPLEY,	
SAMUEL H. HOWARD,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>the Poor.</i>

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

## INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Charles E. Tisdale, postage and printing,	\$3 95
Samuel D. Bartlett, sealer of weights and measures,	5 00
Samuel D. Bartlett, tolling bell, &c., &c.,	7 50
Daniel Perkins, office rent,	18 00
Clinton P. Howard, town hall,	75 00
G. A. Goodall, printing,	118 50
Charles S. Alger, damage to wagon,	10 00
F. W. Howard, digging graves,	6 00
Charles R. Packard, express on books,	2 50
Corrinda Windson, highway damage,	75 00
M. Cunningham, gravel,	10 00
Thomas & Owens, derrick,	150 00
William H. Toby,	21 50
Walter E. Packard, fighting fires,	18 57
Hugh A. Gramley, " "	11 25
Keenan boys, " "	5 00
Pratt Brothers, " "	1 25
J. W. Richards, " "	6 75
E. B. Wilber,	15 00
O. R. Higgins, land damage,	15 00
Thomas Groves & Co.,	1 50
Joseph Ring, gravel,	64 00
Charles Whiting, for books,	3 50
J. E. Ryder, gravel,	4 50
L. A. Flagg, pump at Charles Martin's,	31 00
Elihu Leonard, digging graves,	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$682 27

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$682 27
M. A. Ripley, car fare, horse hire, postage,	29 35
George T. Shaw, tolling bell,	4 50
James C. Leighton, work on old cemeteries,	9 20
L. A. Flagg, pump at Ryder's corner,	17 40
E. T. Goward, gravel,	16 66
Sumner P. Ames, fighting fires,	3 00
Albert Copeland, paying truant bill,	10 00
W. H. Jennings, justice of peace,	1 50
Mrs. Joseph Kingman, gravel,	13 30
W. H. Tobey, return of deaths,	2 00
G. R. Drake, stationery,	90
H. S. Shaw, stoning well at Centre,	5 00
Henry Copeland, car fare, &c.,	11 00
Investigation of C. W. Copeland's fires,	65 38
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Amount expended,	\$871 46
Appropriations,	600 00

#### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

The following persons have drawn money for work on highways :

L. E. Hayward,	\$26 75
S. H. Howard,	15 25
Davis Copeland,	279 83
E. B. Wilber,	364 30
S. G. Copeland,	103 32
Joseph C. Howard,	79 05
Albert L. Alger,	134 76
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,003 26

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,003 26
Clinton P. Howard,	6 80
Eli Wheeler,	253 31
John Dewyer,	3 00
Michael Eagan,	21 00
J. Q. Hartwell,	64 50
Cyrus Alger,	137 50
Frank Willis,	31 50
Thomas Jackson,	35 17
L. A. Flagg,	100 00
Nathan J. Alger,	53 30
Mrs. Dewyer,	7 38
Erland Thayer,	251 98
L. E. & E. Copeland,	35 25
George Hopkins,	69 00
James C. Keith,	15 00
C. H. Smith,	126 15
Stillman W. Hersey,	45 82
David W. Hobart,	9 75
Charles Howard,	36 22
John Gilispee,	4 50
Joseph Vosmus,	14 00
J. E. Ryder,	1 50
Bradford Copeland,	52 20
Elihu Leonard,	64 00
Prescott Snell,	28 50
Henry Copeland,	71 97
Waldo Howard,	7 60
George W. Howard,	18 00
James Howard,	4 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$2,572 66

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,572 66
Patrick Connolly,	22 50
Herbert Alger,	3 00
C. C. Thayer,	15 75
Horace Howard,	181 60
Oscar R. Higgins,	4 80
J. S. Jones,	7 50
George E. Leach,	1 20
E. & J. Madden,	12 30
Owen King,	12 00
Warren Kinney,	22 50
W. F. Ryder,	61 58
Horace Bartlett	84 30
James C. Leighton,	2 50
J. W. Richards,	13 30
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Amount expended for highways,	\$3,017 49
Appropriation,	2,000 00

## BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

The following persons have drawn money for work on bridges :

Eli Wheeler,	\$150 76
John Pedro,	22 65
Cyrus Alger,	1,031 70
L. E. & E. Copeland,	18 50
M. Eagan,	15 75
Alfred Bartlett,	13 87
Timothy Carroll,	60 75
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,313 98

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,313 98
J. Q. Hartwell,	142 73
Charles H. Smith,	37 80
James S. Jones,	43 95
John Dewyer,	60
Joseph Phillips,	1 00
Eddie L. Allen,	5 50
Wales Annis,	9 60
L. A. Flagg,	26 15
Bradford Copeland,	35 30
Henry W. Ripley,	20 00
Charles G. Manley,	5 00
Edward W. Hayward,	18 00
S. G. Copeland,	513 95
L. E. Hayward,	50 13
E. B. Wilber,	258 52
H. A. Millett,	87 50
Frank Willis,	26 50
William Wilson,	37 00
Thomas Jackson,	48 50
C. V. Pendleton,	2,200 00
O. R. Higgins,	42 65
Charles H. Dunbar,	3 75
Owen Conlon,	2 00
S. L. Ryder,	20 00
Timothy Linehan,	9 12
H. W. Howard,	179 48
John Cashman,	19 50
John Luddy,	24 00
Albert L. Alger,	8 25
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$5,190 46



<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$5,190 46
James McAnagh,	44 95
Charles Howard,	5 25
Horace Bartlett,	75 00
Horatio Howard,	32 37
Davis Copeland,	5 00
George Hopkins,	9 00
James C. Leighton,	53 25
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Amount expended for bridges,	\$5,415 28
Appropriation,	3,500 00

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SCHOOLS.

Appropriation for 1886,	\$3,000 00
State school fund,	220 95
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	\$3,220 95
There has been drawn from the treasury for the	
support of schools,	\$3,562 92
Appropriation for school repairs and supplies,	\$350 00
There has been drawn from the treasury for	
school repairs and supplies,	\$411 49
Cost of school repairs and supplies,	\$3,974 41

The selectmen recommend that guide boards be maintained at the following places :

Joshua T. Ryder's,	Chas. W. Copeland's,
Justin W. Richard's,	North Centre School-house,
Joseph Kingman's,	Addison Brook's,
Lewis Ryder's,	John Gilispee's,
Pine Hill Cemetery,	J. Q. Hartwell's,
Charles Howard's,	Stillman W. Hersey's,
Charles T. Morse's,	Dwelley Forbes',
Molbry A. Ripley's,	Benjamin Howard's,
James Alger's furnace,	George Wilber's,
Barnabas Dunbar's,	John B. Holmes',
Henry J. Higgins',	George R. Drake's,
The late Joseph Alger's,	Edward Lothrop's,
West of Almshouse,	D. W. Gardner's,
Edmond Geary's,	Waldo Howard's,
North of Chas. N. Martin's.	

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#### STATE AID.

Under chapter 301, acts 1879, paid the following persons :

James P. Gallagher,	\$72 00
Charles T. Morse,	54 00
Francis W. Wood,	18 00
Patrick Dorgan,	50 00
John A. Freese,	34 00
William H. Jennings,	72 00
Lucius Dunbar,	72 00
William A. Linehan,	72 00
Benjamin Phillips,	36 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$480 00

*Amount brought forward,*

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$480 00
Charles E. Churchill,	72 00
John Shipman,	36 00
William Crockett,	48 00
Andrew W. Perkins,	21 00
James H. Leonard,	36 00
Dennis Callahan,	30 00
C. E. Miller,	54 00
W. J. Gilbert,	47 00
Ellis R. Holbrook,	36 00
Rodney Churchill,	3 00
E. O. Packard,	48 00
Mary E. Howard,	48 00
Mary E. Kingman,	12 00
Lucinda S. Lothrop,	26 00
Harriet S. Bouldry,	12 00
Mary J. Reeves,	48 00
Amelia Gilmore,	12 00
Eliza F. Richardson,	48 00
Mary E. Alger,	36 00
John A. Millett,	24 00
Caroline B. Dunbar,	4 00

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\$1,181 00

## MILITARY AID.

Under chapter 252, acts 1879.

Michael Logue,	\$102 00
George B. Randall,	114 00
David W. Tinkham,	72 00
Henry Withington,	22 00
Isaac Bates,	36 00

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\$346 00

Total amount paid for state and military aid, \$1,527 00

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Benjamin Howard, auditor,	\$1 00
Horace W. Howard, auditor,	1 00
Samuel G. Copeland, auditor,	1 00
Charles E. Tisdale, treasurer,	150 00
Charles E. Tisdale, registrar,	2 50
James A. Forbes, " "	2 00
George Burke, constable,	8 50
Herbert A. Millett, constable,	16 00
Ellis R. Holbrook, constable,	7 00
George T. Shaw, constable,	4 00
Mrs. M. K. Crosby, superintendent of schools,	125 00
Albert Copeland, school committee,	15 00
W. H. Jennings, moderator,	5 00
B. B. Howard, town clerk,	78 71
Henry Copeland, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor,	203 50
Molbry A. Ripley, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	117 00
Samuel H. Howard, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	45 00
Amount expended,	<hr/> \$782 21
Appropriation,	700 00

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury February 1st, 1886,	\$1,169 14
Received from Francis Dunbar, note,	500 00
“ “ “	500 00
“ “ “	1,000 00
“ “ “	1,000 00
from corporation tax,	660 92
balance corporation tax,	231 94
from Brockton bank,	3,000 00
May 1, received from Brockton bank, for 1 year, 6 months,	1,000 00
May 1, received from Brockton bank, for two years, 6 months,	1,000 00
Received from Brockton savings bank,	2,000 00
tax bills for 1886,	11,822 61
National Bank tax,	527 69
State aid,	1,357 50
military aid,	219 54
town of Bridgewater,	67 56
dog fund,	284 30
Albert Copeland, balance of school supplies,	7 15
Brockton savings bank,	5,000 00
school fund,	220 95
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	\$31,569 30

## EXPENDITURES OF TREASURY.

Francis Dunbar, note and interest,	504	50
“ “ “ “	502	50
Mark Dunbar, “ “	510	00
Susan E. Bowman, “ “	506	25
Brockton Savings Bank, “	3,066	08
Discount on taxes,	581	95
Interest on loans,	40	00
State tax,	825	00
County tax,	1,014	76
Brockton bank, note and interest,	2,047	56
Francis Dunbar, “ “	1,023	00
“ “ “ “	1,019	00
Town officers,	782	21
Poor out of house,	1,470	74
Town farm,	639	42
Highways,	3,017	49
Incidentals,	871	46
Bridges,	5,415	28
Abatements,	240	55
Schools,	3,562	92
School supplies and repairs,	411	49
State aid,	1,181	00
Military aid,	346	00
Library,	301	44
Lectures,	100	00
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	\$29,980	60
Balance in treasury,	1,588	70
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	\$31,569	30



## CONDITION OF TREASURY, FEB. 1, 1887.

Cash on hand,	\$246 04
Uncollected taxes, 1884,	40 86
“ “ 1885,	132 56
“ “ 1886,	1,169 24
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	\$1,588 70
Due from state for state aid furnished,	\$1,181 00
military aid furnished,	173 00
Bridgewater,	12 50
Braintree,	86 11
Rehoboth,	313 27
Plympton,	122 53
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	\$1,888 41

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We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of West Bridgewater for the year ending Feb. 1, 1887, and have found them properly cast and vouched for.

HORACE W. HOWARD.  
WARREN R. KEITH.

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## OUTSTANDING NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

Loan from Brockton savings bank, \$1,000, payable Nov. 1, 1887.  
“ “ “ \$1,000, “ “ 1888.  
Borrowed from Brockton savings bank, \$5000, on demand.

## NAMES OF JURORS

For acceptance or revision by the town at its annual meeting :

Cyrus Alger,	Clinton P. Howard,
Charles W. Bacon,	Henry Copeland,
Bradford Copeland,	John Copeland,
Frank Copeland,	Jonas G. Hartwell,
Samuel D. Bartlett,	Frank M. Hayward,
Horace Bartlett,	E. B. Wilbur,
Benjamin Howard,	F. E. Howard,
Edward H. Keith,	Joseph Vosmus,
John A. Millett,	Charles E. Churchill,
Myron Packard,	Prescott T. Snell,
Japhet Packard,	William F. Ryder,
Josiah Perkins,	Israel H. Ross,
Warren R. Keith,	Sylvester Rice,
Lucius Dunbar,	George T. Shaw,
William Shipman,	Abial Washburn,
Charles T. Thayer,	L. A. Flagg,
Charles R. Packard,	Fred H. Washburn,
Almond Rounds,	Davis Copeland.

## NAMES OF JURORS DRAWN IN 1886.

William A. Linehan,	L. E. Hayward,
James Howard,	Joseph C. Howard,
L. Sumner Packard.	

## WE RECOMMEND THE TOWN TO APPROPRIATE :

For support of poor,	\$1,400 00
support of schools,	2,800 00
school repairs and supplies,	300 00
highway repairs,	2,000 00
Larkin Bridge,	1,600 00
town officers,	700 00
incidentals,	700 00
public lectures,	100 00

The next annual town meeting will be held on Monday, the 7th day of March, 1887.

HENRY COPELAND,	}	<i>Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.</i>
MOLBRY A. RIPLEY.		
SAMUEL H. HOWARD,		

## Town Clerk's Report.

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### *Marriages Recorded in West Bridgewater in 1886.*

- Jan. 2. Richard Pickett, of Bridgewater, and Nellie Hennessey, of West Bridgewater.
- Jan. 23. Leander Merchant, of South Abington, and Asenath E. Tucker, of West Bridgewater.
- Feb. 8. Willard E. Bonney and Cornelia F. Smith, both of Pembroke.
- Feb. 18. Ernest Perkins and Addie F. Tyler, both of Brockton.
- Mar. 29. Joseph E. Ryder, of West Bridgewater, and Ellen Holmes Benson, of Bridgewater.
- April 16. James F. Mason, of West Bridgewater, and Carrie E. Barnes, of Brockton.
- April 22. Eddy Perkins Dunbar and Jennie Thorpe, both of West Bridgewater.
- April 24. Alexander P. Keith, of California, and Annie M. Zigler, of West Bridgewater.
- May 26. Walter C. Whiting, of West Bridgewater, and Emma J. Higley, of Halifax, Vt.
- May 28. Jefferson S. Bearse, of Brockton, and Annie L. Hayward, of West Bridgewater.

- July 20. James F. McAnagh and Abbie M. Smith, both of West Bridgewater.
- July 30. Albert F. Dunbar, of West Bridgewater, and Victorine A. Crocker, of Bridgewater.
- Oct. 12. Arthur H. Alger and Dora M. Tisdale, both of West Bridgewater.
- Oct. 15. Benjamin F. Brooks and Alice M. Hall, both of West Bridgewater.
- Nov. 8. Merton G. Churchill, of West Bridgewater, and Emma F. White, of Mansfield.
- Dec. 2. George L. Howard and Jeanette Howard, both of West Bridgewater.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WEST BRIDGEWATER IN 1886.

Date.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Names of Parents.
January 1	Catherine Kendrick . . . . .	Female	Fred P. and Mary E. Kendrick.
February 14	Carrie Ella Rood . . . . .	Female	John A. and Sarah Helen Rood.
14	Loren Wallace Flagg . . . . .	Male	Loren A. and Loraine A. Flagg.
March 21	John McCarthy, Jr. . . . .	Male	John and Mary Ann McCarthy.
31	Willie Atwood Nute . . . . .	Male	Clarence W. and Eveline Nute.
April 12	*	Female	
May 1	Edward Kent . . . . .	Male	Philip and Margaret Kent.
18	Henry Herbert Marshall . . . . .	Male	Charles S. and Louise B. Marshall.
22	Charles Knowlton Shaw . . . . .	Male	Frederick W. and Adella M. Shaw.
July 11	Wallace Kingman Howard . . . . .	Male	Alfred E. and Edith S. Howard.
11	Lillian E. Barnes . . . . .	Female	W. H. and Lydia B. Barnes.
August 10	Roland Hartley Dunbar . . . . .	Male	George E. and Mary E. Dunbar.
15	Sarah Luella Kinney . . . . .	Female	Warren C. and Harriet Kinney.
28	Annie Belle Miller . . . . .	Female	Elbridge E. and Sarah E. Miller.
September 16	Henry Morse Howard . . . . .	Male	Joseph C. and Mary E. Howard.
23	John Williams Shaw . . . . .	Male	Horatio S. and Olive B. Shaw.
October 5	Helen Stuart Keith . . . . .	Female	Edward H. and Victorine S. Keith.
31	Catherine Theresa Hayes . . . . .	Female	John and Ellen Hayes.
November 10	Margaret Jane Marmion . . . . .	Female	Thomas J. and Catherine Marmion.
December 3	Edward Nelson Gassett . . . . .	Male	Nelson W. and Martha A. Gassett.
9	Elizabeth Keenan . . . . .	Female	Peter and Mary Keenan.
13	Thomas O'Neil . . . . .	Male	John and Maggie O'Neil.
16	Rodney Melvin Hopkins . . . . .	Male	George G. and Etta R. Hopkins.

\*Child adopted by Miss Elizabeth Kingman, not named.



## DEATHS REGISTERED IN WEST BRIDGEWATER IN 1886.

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Date.	Name of Deceased.	Y.	M.	D.	Place of Birth.	Disease or Cause of Death.	Names of Parents.
Jan. 1	Bertie M. Pratt.	81	4	14	West Bridgewater.	Convulsions.	Ira and Lucy A. Pratt.
" 3	Jane B. Leach.	6	9	27	West Bridgewater.	Cancer.	David and Polly B. Leach.
" 14	Wm. A. Linehan, Jr.	20	5	9	Bridgewater.	Scarlatina.	William A. and ——— Linehan.
" 18	Mary Donivan.	73	3	12	Plymouth.	Consumption.	Daniel and Hannah Donivan.
Feb. 20	Ebenezer Whitmarsh.	25	7	12	West Bridgewater.	Mitral Insufficiency.	John and Mary Ann McCarthy.
Mar. 22	John McCarthy, Jr.	25	11	1	West Bridgewater.	Infantile.	Nahum and Lucy A. Snell.
Apr. 28	Nettie E. Snell.	9	8	10	Wollaston.	Phthisis.	Fred'k and Sophie R. Westwood.
May 13	Arthur Westwood.	73	9	20	West Bridgewater.	Mitral Insufficiency.	Jonathan and Abigail Snell.
June 5	Thomas Snell.	72	6	27	Maine.	Heart Disease.	Peletiah W. and Polly Gould.
" 7	Ivory F. Gould.	69	2	12	Bridgewater.	Strangulation.	Francis and Mary Perkins.
" 8	Francis Perkins.	82	1	23	Bridgewater.	Phthisis.	——— and Eleanor Sprague.
" 12	Eleanor Gardner.	82	5	20	Marshfield.	General Debility.	David and Hester Clay.
July 9	Sarah H. Howard.	82	7	7	New Hampshire.	Paralysis.	Alpheus and Sally Howard.
" 10	Leavitt T. Howard.	73	1	11	West Bridgewater.	Phthisis.	James and Rose Shields.
Aug. 7	James H. Shields.	35	8	13	North Bridgewater.	Phthisis.	Bartholemew and Mary's Stackpole
" 19	Catherine Dewyer.	51	7	28	Ireland.	Diarrhoea.	Philip and Margaret Kent.
" 25	Edward Kent.	79	3	24	West Bridgewater.	Whooping Cough.	Aaron and Prudence Willis.
" 30	Mary Prentice.	42	6	7	Douglas, Mass.	Paralysis.	Simon and Mary Kenney.
Sept. 7	Patrick Kenney.	94	3	20	Ireland.	Accidental Strangulation.	Joseph and Olive Alger.
" 15	Joseph Alger.	84	5	21	West Bridgewater.	Old Age.	Isaac and Averick Thomas.
" 25	Mary W. Perkins.	85	10	2	Pembroke.	Paralysis.	Enoch and Deborah Winship.
" 29	Almira Fish.	36	3	15	Maine.	Disease of Liver.	Oliver and Louise Smith.
Oct. 10	Charles H. Smith.	54	3	15	Lexington.	Typhoid Fever.	
" 26	Daniel Donovan.	46	6	6	Ireland.	Pulmonary Consumption.	Horatio and Lydia H. Shaw.
Nov. 4	Horatio S. Shaw.	30	6	6	West Bridgewater.	Typhoid Pneumonia.	John and Rebecca Dunkin.
" 23	Mary E. Leonard.	46	7	16	Canton.	Cancer.	Daniel and Bathsheba W. Perkins.
" 25	Mary Whittman.	96	2	25	Frammingham.	Old Age.	Michael and Elizabeth McCarthy.
Dec. 2	Mary McCarthy.	30	2	13	West Bridgewater.	Phthisis.	W. H. and Lydia B. Barnes.
" 11	Lillian E. Barnes.	5	5		West Bridgewater.	Marasmus.	

## Report of the School Committee.

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In obedience to law we herewith submit our annual report.

In the beginning of the school year of 1886-87 the committee was composed as follows :

J. A. SHORES and MARTHA K. CROSBY, for three years.

W. A. LINEHAN and F. S. TISDALE, for two years.

MRS. A. S. LELACHEUR and A. COPELAND, for one year.

The board at their first meeting organized as follows :

J. A. SHORES, Chairman.      ALBERT COPELAND, Secretary.

J. A. SHORES and F. S. TISDALE, Committee on Repairs.

J. A. SHORES and A. COPELAND, Truant Officers.

The schools were assigned to sub-committees, as follows :

North and North Centre to Mr. Copeland.

Cochesett to Mr. Tisdale.

Centre to Mrs. LeLacheur.

South to Mr. Shores.

East to Mrs. Crosby.

Jerusalem to Mr. Linehan.

Proceeded to elect teachers for the several schools, with the following results :

North, Cora F. Ellis.

North Centre, L. M. Toothaker.

Centre Primary, Jennie Thorpe.

Centre Grammar, Agnes K. Littlefield.  
 South Primary, Wealthy A. Holmes.  
 South Grammar, M. A. Dewyre.  
 East, Abbie A. Frawley.  
 Jerusalem, Sadie L. Waldron.  
 Cochesett Primary, Irene S. Wood.  
 Cochesett Grammar, Mary A. Tisdale.

At the end of the spring term Mrs. Jennie Thorpe-Dunbar resigned her position in the Centre Primary and Miss Edith Crowninshield was elected to fill the remainder of the school year.

At the annual meeting of the town, the whole matter of providing for the confinement of truants and the enforcement of the truant laws of the state, was referred to the School Committee. The Committee subsequently petitioned the County Commissioners to establish a truant school for the county as provided for by law, and also voted to designate the truant school of Hampden county as the place of confinement for all those convicted of violating the truant laws, from this town.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

### TEACHERS' DEPARTMENT.

Paid Mrs. S. L. Waldron, 32 weeks,	\$288 00
Miss Irene S. Wood, 32 weeks,	288 00
Miss Mary A. Tisdale, 32 weeks,	320 00
Mrs. Jennie T. Dunbar, 11 weeks,	94 00
Miss E. Crowninshield, 21 weeks,	183 50
Miss Agnes K. Littlefield, 32 weeks,	320 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,493 50

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,493 50
Paid Miss Mary Dewyre, 32 weeks,	320 00
Miss W. A. Holmes, 32 weeks,	288 00
Mrs. L. M. Toothaker, 32 weeks,	320 00
Miss Cora F. Ellis, 32 weeks,	288 00
Miss Abbie A. Frawley, 28 weeks,	280 00
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	\$2,991 50

## JANITORS' DEPARTMENT.

Paid Mary Dewyre,	\$10 00
Wealthy Holmes,	10 00
C. H. Morrison,	20 00
Elton A. Bailey,	20 00
Albert C. Snow,	10 00
Aaron L. McDonald,	10 00
Adelaide Taylor,	10 00
G. J. Kingman,	10 00
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	\$100 00

## FUEL DEPARTMENT.

Paid J. E. Ryder, 2 cords oak wood,	\$10 00
“ “ 1-2 cord pine wood,	2 00
“ “ sawing and splitting,	3 15
E. T. Snell, four cords oak wood,	20 00
“ “ 1 cord pine wood,	4 00
Owen King, cutting and housing,	11 50
Geo. M. Pratt, 5 cords oak wood,	27 50
“ “ 2 cords pine wood,	8 00
William Penpraese, cutting and splitting,	15 00
Davis Copeland, 3 cords wood, split and housed,	21 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$122 15

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$122 15 .
Paid Leavitt T. Howard, 3 cords wood, cut and housed,	20 00
Martin Dunbar, 2 cords oak wood,	10 00
R. Hayward, cutting wood,	5 50
H. W. Leach, 3 cords oak wood,	16 50
C. H. Morrison, cutting and housing wood,	13 00
Adelaide Taylor, housing wood,	2 00
W. F. Ryder, housing wood,	3 33
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	\$192 48

## EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages,	\$2,991 50
Fuel,	192 48
Janitor,	100 00
East Bridgewater for tuition,	145 50
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	\$3,429 48

## RECEIPTS.

Town grant,	\$3,000 00
Income of Mass. school fund,	220 95
Overdrawn,	\$208 53

Owing to interruptions caused by sickness in the family of its teacher, the East school shows but seven months school up to the end of the financial year, leaving four weeks to be carried to the next year's account.

## DEPARTMENT OF REPAIRS.

*Repairs at East.*

Paid M. K. Crosby, for repairs and furnishings,	\$5 05
J. E. Ryder, repairs,	50
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	\$5 55



*Repairs at South.*

Paid J. A. Shores, cleaning and repairs,	\$7 55
S. L. Ryder, outbuilding,	30 00
Albert Copeland, dressing blackboards and setting glass,	3 50
George Wilbur, for platform and other repairs,	6 75
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	\$47 80

*Repairs at Centre.*

Paid Albert Blanchard, mason work,	\$19 30
F. W. Howard, for shingling primary house,	37 00
J. A. Shores, repairs on stove pipe,	1 75
George Wilbur, well platform,	5 00
Mrs. Dugan, for cleaning houses,	9 02
Gurney Bros., for cleaning clock,	75
Mrs. LeLacheur, for small repairs and furnishings,	8 12
A. P. Hazard, stove pipe,	1 01
S. Bartlett, for work and stock,	3 15
A. Copeland, dressing blackboards and set- ting glass,	4 75
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	\$89 85

*Repairs at Cochesett.*

Paid F. W. Howard, for lumber,	\$8 33
“ “ for other stock found,	5 54
“ “ glass and setting,	75
“ “ for 62 hours' work,	16 50
J. E. Carr & Co., for stove,	14 00
F. S. Tisdale, for furnishings,	6 24
Harriet Packard, for cleaning school-house,	7 00
Shaw & Rice, furnishings,	5 78
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	\$64 14



*Repairs at Jerusalem.*

Paid Albert Blanchard, mason work,	\$7 30
Albert Copeland, painter's stock,	21 92
“ “ to 12 1-4 days' work,	31 23
“ “ to lock and hardware,	2 55
W. A. Linehan, cleaning school-house,	3 00
“ “ small repairs and furnishings,	5 95
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	\$71 95

*Repairs at North.*

Paid Albert Blanchard, mason work,	\$8 38
F. W. Howard, shingling,	37 19
Howard & Clark, repairs on school furniture,	11 00
A. Copeland, dressing black-boards, and re- pairs,	4 50
Mrs. McDonald, cleaning house and yard,	2 50
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	\$63 57

*Repairs at North Centre.*

Paid Albert Blanchard, mason work,	\$6 75
J. E. Carr & Co., stove,	9 50
“ “ sink and pipe,	2 11
“ “ labor and furnishings,	1 96
“ “ drain pipe,	1 68
Mrs. McDonald, cleaning,	2 00
Albert Copeland, dressing blackboards, and repairs,	4 30
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	\$28 30

Whole amount of repairs,	\$371 16
Town grant,	\$300 00
Overdrawn,	71 16
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	\$371 16

For a report of the work done in the schools, and their present condition and prospective needs, we refer you to the report of the Superintendent which accompanies this report. Also the report of the agent for purchasing and distributing free text books, gives the work of that department. The school property of the town is subject to constant wear and waste despite the utmost care and vigilance of teachers and committee, and although we have overdrawn the sum appropriated for repairs, yet the committee having in care this department, have done as little as they consistently could, and much less than in their opinion the merits of the case demanded. For the ensuing year we anticipate no extensive repairs on any of the school houses; the grounds and premises connected therewith, in several cases, demand somewhat extensive repairs.

In the report of last year it was suggested that in view of the crowded condition of the East school, the amount of money yearly paid East Bridgewater for tuition, and the growth of the Matfield neighborhood, that the town would soon be called upon to provide better educational facilities for this part of the town.

Your committee are unanimously of the opinion that the time has come when some definite action to this end must be taken. We therefor ask you at your next annual meeting, to take this subject into serious consideration and by your votes provide for the construction of suitable buildings and premises for the

use of this part of the town for school purposes. Should you grant this request, it will have the effect to greatly relieve the East school, and will accommodate the extreme east part of the town and save the sum heretofore paid East Bridgewater yearly for tuition, and also provide better for the wants of the pupils and bring them under our immediate care and supervision, and the committee should so arrange to consolidate the schools as to bring upon the town no additional burdens for the support of schools, other than the providing of the necessary buildings, etc.

We would call your attention to the fact that this town raises a less sum per capita than the majority of the towns in the county, also that we have less months of school during the year than most of the adjoining towns. While in view of the state of the finances of the town, we do not deem it advisable to press this matter for the ensuing year, we suggest that in the future it is advisable that to the school year should be added at least four weeks, and a sufficient sum added to the appropriation commensurate with the increase of costs.

We recommend that the town, for the ensuing year, raise sums as follows :

For the support of schools,	\$3,000 00
For furnishings and repairs on school property,	300 00
For text books and supplies,	150 00

There were on the first of May last three hundred and nine scholars between the ages of five and fifteen years. For a record of their enrollment, membership and attendance in the schools, we refer you to the statistical tables at the close of this report. The terms of office to which Mr. Copeland and

Mrs. LeLacheur were elected expire with the present school year, therefore there are two members of the board to be elected at the next annual meeting, for three years.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. SHORES,  
M. K. CROSBY,  
A. S. LeLACHEUR,  
F. S. TISDALE,  
A. COPELAND,

*School Committee.*

West Bridgewater, Feb. 1, 1887.

## Superintendent's Report.

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*To the School Committee :—*

In presenting a report of the important work entrusted to me at the organization of the School Board in March, 1886, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks for your prompt co-operation throughout the year, and especially for the ready sympathy and valuable counsel received from those members of the committee who have preceded me in the office. The most faithful and zealous labors of a superintendent may lose much of their worth from a lack of cordial support in the appointing school board.

After providing for the maintenance of its schools, the town cannot do more for their present and future prosperity than to *require* of the committee, or some one appointed by them, a careful supervision of the same, not only in respect to the studies pursued, but in the more important matters relating to physical and moral education. No place is so favorable as the school-room for impressing upon children a due regard for the feelings, rights and possessions of their fellow-beings, and for giving practical lessons in the careful use of books and all other public property provided for their convenience.

The following extract from the state laws shows plainly the duty of the school committee to insist upon the proper treatment of all school property :

[Pub. Stats., chap. 203.]

SECT. 78. Whoever wilfully and maliciously or wantonly and without cause destroys, defaces, mars, or injures a school-



house, church or other building erected or used for purposes of education or religious instruction, or for the general diffusion of knowledge, or an outbuilding, fence, well or appurtenance of such school-house, church or other building, or furniture, apparatus or other property belonging to or connected with such school-house, church, or other building, shall be punished by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding one year.

The plan pursued by me has been first to make the acquaintance of the schools in a general way, noting carefully the work attempted by the teachers and the methods used, and afterwards to suggest such changes as the peculiar circumstances of each school seemed to require. Without exception, the teachers have responded cordially and intelligently to all suggested changes, and have made my efforts to establish a familiar acquaintance with their pupils not only possible, but very pleasant. The times of my visits have been so arranged as to bring under observation the recitations of each class in its several studies. Near the close of the fall term the teachers gave, at my request, written tests in most of the school studies, and from an examination of these papers I was enabled to obtain a still more definite knowledge of the standing of each pupil. Teachers' meetings of two sessions each were held Saturday, June 17, and Friday, Nov. 19. The interest of the teachers in the object of these gatherings was evinced by a full attendance and free participation in the discussions upon studies and methods.

Where the schools are so widely separated as ours, the distribution of school supplies can be most easily performed by the person who has the supervision of the schools. If, at the close of each term, a list of supplies for the commencement of the next should be received from each teacher, there ought to be no delay in starting the work when the term opens. In



this respect the present system of supplies is much superior to that formerly used. It also permits the use of a variety of readers that can be transferred from one school to another, thereby affording a larger amount of reading suited to the wants of the several classes. New readers, of other series than that adopted here a few years ago, have been supplied as needed, and if this course is continued, our schools will eventually enjoy advantages for this fundamental study, similar to those of thoroughly-equipped towns and cities.

By the introduction of many sets of small alphabet cards, the spelling of words and sentences has been made so attractive as to happily employ the younger pupils, thus partially relieving the teacher of the unfortunate necessity of conducting recitations with a divided attention. A more enlightened public now permits teachers to exercise their ingenuity and tact in devising new ways for usefully occupying idle moments, without incurring the suspicion of misusing the hours of school time.

Considerable interest has been awakened in the practical study of physiology and hygiene now required by law in all grades of public schools, and it is reasonable to presume that the good effects of this study will be far-reaching. The law is as follows :

AN ACT REQUIRING PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE TO BE  
TAUGHT IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

SECTION 1. Physiology and hygiene, which, in both divisions of the subject, shall include special instruction as to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics on the human system, shall be taught as a regular branch of study to all pupils in all schools supported wholly or in part by public

money, \* \* \* \* All acts or parts of acts relating to the qualifications of teachers in the public schools shall apply to the branch of study prescribed in this act. \* \* \* \*

The two vacancies existing in the corps of teachers at the commencement of the school year were filled by the selection of Miss Cora F. Ellis for the North school, and Miss Agnes K. Littlefield for the Centre Grammar school.

Miss Ellis had previously taught with success in the East school, and she has come back from similar work in a neighboring town to enrich our schools with her valuable experience. The orderly bearing of her pupils, their readiness to engage in all of the school exercises, and the great improvement shown in their oral and written work, merit generous commendation.

The spring term opened at the Centre Grammar school under very disheartening circumstances. Those who daily, or even occasionally, endured the discomfort of the cold, smoke-bedimmed school-room, will not readily forget the zealous and persistent efforts of the new teacher to bring the school into conditions favorable for study. A comparison of this school as described in the report of last year, with its appearance at the close of this year, shows great and encouraging progress. The recent public exercises were given in a neat and attractive room, and consisted of selections from the ordinary work for the year, presented with almost no special preparation. Every member of the school took part in one or more of the exercises, and, with few exceptions, in a very satisfactory manner. The music was a very pleasant feature of the occasion.

At the close of the spring term, a vacancy was made at the Centre Primary school by the withdrawal of its teacher, Mrs. Jennie Thorpe Dunbar. The school while under Mrs. Dunbar's care had been so well taught and controlled that her successor,

Miss Edith Crowninshield, was spared some of the many difficulties that usually attend such changes in the country. Miss Crowninshield's enthusiasm in her work roused a like spirit in her pupils, which was clearly manifest in the cheerful activity and excellent work that characterized her school.

As occasional changes in the corps of teachers must occur, it is of great importance that a permanent record of the attainments of classes and individual pupils should be kept in each school, in order that valuable time may be saved when a new teacher enters upon her labors. The schools were provided with blank books for this purpose during the fall term, and in these the teachers have briefly recorded the results of the last two terms of the year, together with their programs for the daily school exercises.

The remaining schools have been very fortunate in retaining the instructors of the previous year, all of whom have labored faithfully and successfully to raise the standard of attainment in their respective schools.

From causes that have for some time been gradually changing the number of inhabitants in different sections of our town, some of the schools have been brought into a condition that calls for decisive action on the part of the school board.

Work is not equitably divided between our teachers. The great inequality in numbers existing between the upper and lower schools at Cochesett during the spring term, was remedied in the autumn by the promotion of eleven pupils from the primary school.

With the exception of that at Jerusalem, our mixed schools have a membership equalling or exceeding that of the less laborious graded schools. At the North and North Centre the number of pupils does not exceed the limit of efficient work, but the East school has, for several years, been too large. If it

is the decision of the committee that this is a fitting time to give the East school equal advantages with the others, the town will, without doubt, be prompt to recognize this evidence of prosperity in its eastern section.

At the meeting in March an appropriation could be granted for a new building at Matfield to receive, at the beginning of the fall term, all the children of our town that are now instructed in East Bridgewater, and others living conveniently near.

This new school, that must of necessity be ungraded, will be opened with from twenty to thirty pupils, a number considerably exceeding that found in either the South or Centre grammar schools, and there will remain in the East school thirty or more children.

There is no prospect of an increase in the South and Centre primary schools that will call for the speedy transfer of their highest classes to the grammar department, and no one can question the wisdom of continuing these classes with their present competent instructors until they are thoroughly fitted for a higher grade. Consequently the numbers in the corresponding grammar schools must remain the same or grow less as is likely to occur from various causes.

During the last two terms of the year the average attendance at the South grammar school varied from twelve to less than fifteen, and as two of its oldest pupils will quite soon be obliged to leave school permanently, the deserted look of the school room will become still more marked. At the Centre, the average in the same grade of school was not much above that at the South.

At least forty pupils, well fitted for grammar school work, can be successfully cared for by a good teacher. In schools of small size it is far more difficult to keep up an interest and enthusiasm in study than in schools with a good membership.



The spirit of generous rivalry that comes naturally from the daily recitation of a class of twelve or fifteen wide-awake girls and boys under judicious instruction is most healthful.

Both efficiency and economy point to a transfer of the older pupils from the South district to the Centre, as the only common-sense remedy for the existing difficulties.

In order that this may be done successfully, the parties most interested should cheerfully give up their personal preferences for the general good. The South pupils can accept without complaint the longer daily walk and cold dinners, and those at the Centre can hospitably share with their new schoolmates their pleasant room and other school privileges, and strive to make them feel at home speedily.

A brief time could, if more convenient, be allowed before the change, in order to permit some adjustment of the studies. These have, of course, been conducted differently in the two schools, but there need be no loss of time in "putting back" in either school. When united, the classes could immediately proceed with their studies together.

Perhaps to the people residing in the South district the greatest objection will be the increased distance from school. But in this respect there would be no injustice, for there are other families in town whose homes are at about the same distance from school as the extreme limit of the South district is from the school building at the Centre.

If the house left vacant by this change could be occupied by the lower department, the South primary school would enjoy one of the pleasantest school-rooms in the town, and one so large that there would be abundant room for the younger children to remain with their most excellent teacher until they could comfortably attend the grammar school.

The registers show considerable irregularity of attendance

in several of the schools. The evil results that *surely* attend this practice have been forcibly presented in the reports of previous years. Storms and bad walking have seriously affected the primary grade, and the prevalent disturbance of labor has been a frequent excuse for detaining children from the grammar schools.

A few pupils from our public schools have, by entering the Howard schools, shown a laudable desire to obtain a higher education. In these schools an opportunity is offered for the study of elementary natural science in the interesting and practical manner now so common in high schools. The study of the science of government, and especially the principles involved in our own,—that is a part of the course of study pursued by the boys,—cannot fail to meet the approval of the citizens of our town.

The following are a few of the numberless ways in which all may co-operate in increasing the usefulness and prosperity of our schools :

By a friendly recognition of teachers and pupils in public places.

By loans or gifts of curiosities and pictures, as well as books suitable for reference and reading. The gentleman who kindly furnished means for supplying each school with a small botanic glass, contributed largely to the interest with which many of our young people searched fields and woods to find every new flower as it appeared. This novel and instructive out-of-school pastime was so successful that three schools could show a list of about one hundred and fifty different kinds of flowers found in our town during the spring term, and other schools had lists not far below this in length.

By privately informing the teacher or school officials of any improper conduct for which members of the schools are respon-



sible. All citizens should interest themselves actively in the careful training of those upon whom will soon fall the management of public affairs.

By favoring an increase in the length of the school year sufficient to give our children privileges more nearly equal to those provided by neighboring towns. The summer vacation occurs at a season when close application to study is not easy, and time thus spent is consequently of less value. At this season also, children are called upon to assist in out-door labors, whereby they obtain a practical knowledge and training no less important than that gained in the schools. But the long winter respite discounts heavily from the progress made in the short school year. It suspends the schools just at a time when the interest in study is keen, when there is no call for rest on the part of either pupils or teachers, and when but a small part of the children can be well employed in farm work or other occupations of a useful nature.

It should be the constant aim of the school board to make our schools from year to year more worthy of public confidence, and thereby secure for them a ready and generous support.

Respectfully submitted.

MARTHA K. CROSBY.

1886—1887.

## Report of the Agent for School Supplies.

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The appropriation granted by the town for books and other necessary school supplies, and a small additional sum received for the sale of text books, have been expended as follows :

To Knight, Adams & Co., writing-books, paper and various supplies,	\$40 20
Thompson, Brown & Co., arithmetics,	6 46
Harper Bros., grammars, spellers, geographies and arithmetics,	6 81
Warren P. Adams, readers,	12 87
Adams, Putnam & Co., dictionary,	8 00
William Ware & Co., readers and histories,	22 48
J. B. Lippincott, dictionaries,	12 20
Cowperthwait, writing-books and readers,	23 80
Adams & Ingraham, supplies,	15 41
Express, freight and postage,	3 05
Total,	<hr/> \$151 28
Inventory of stock on hand Jan. 31, 1886,	\$47 33
Amount drawn from town treasury,	150 00
Received for sale of text books,	1 28
	<hr/> \$198 61

Inventory of new stock on hand Jan. 31, 1887,	\$31 34
Supplies furnished schools,	167 27
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	\$198 61

#### INVENTORY OF BOOKS AND SUPPLIES ON HAND JAN. 31, 1887.

38 readers,	\$9 06
4 spellers,	60
1 grammar,	23
2 1-3 doz. ink powders,	4 20
4 half reams paper,	2 05
4 1-3 doz. writing books,	3 40
<i>Miscellaneous Supplies.</i>	
63 gross crayons,	7 56
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	\$31 34

The average number of pupils enrolled in the schools is 252.4; the cost of supplies furnished from the funds of the town has been \$167.27, or 66.3 cents per scholar.

As most of the text books in the schools were comparatively new, having been furnished since August 1st, 1884, when the free text-book law became operative, it has been less difficult to provide for the constant needs of teachers and pupils, from the *very moderate* allowance granted by the town, than it would have been with badly-worn books.

The appropriation for the coming year should be no less than the last, and a larger one could be used with great advantage to the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA K. CROSBY, *Agent.*

## SPRING TERM.

SCHOOLS.	Length of School in weeks.	Number of Scholars enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Not Absent or Tardy.	Over Fifteen Years of Age.	Less than Five Years of Age.	Wages of Teacher per month.
South Grammar . . . . .	12	17	16.17	14.06	6	0	0	\$40
South Primary . . . . .	12	27	26.6	25.52	7	0	2	36
Centre Grammar . . . . .	12	24	23.16	20.86	0	3	0	40
Centre Primary . . . . .	11	26	24.61	21.18	3	0	1	36
East . . . . .	11	37	37.	33.5	8	0	0	40
North . . . . .	12	27	25.75	24.25	4	0	0	36
North Centre . . . . .	12	36	25.29	22.90	0	0	0	40
Cochesett Grammar . . . . .	12	25	16.33	14.21	3	2	0	40
Cochesett Primary . . . . .	12	37	33.33	29.5	0	0	2	36
Jerusalem . . . . .	12	15	13.33	12.15	0	0	0	36

## FALL TERM.

SCHOOLS.	Length of School in weeks.	Number of Scholars enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Not Absent or Tardy.	Over Fifteen Years of Age.	Less than Five Years of Age.	Wages of Teacher per month.
South Grammar . . . . .	11	17	14.58	13.6	2	0	0	\$ 40
South Primary . . . . .	11	31	27.56	26.24	8	0	1	36
Centre Grammar . . . . .	11	24	18.	16.61	2	1	0	40
Centre Primary . . . . .	11	26	25.4	24.125	8	0	1	34
East . . . . .	9	35	34.66	30.16	7	0	0	40
North . . . . .	11	25	22.08	20.54	1	0	0	36
North Centre . . . . .	11	36	28.2	24.88	0	0	0	40
Cochesett Grammar . . . . .	11	26	23.8	22.1	1	3	0	40
Cochesett Primary . . . . .	11	27	26.	22.83	0	0	3	36
Jerusalem . . . . .	11	15	14.41	12.49	0	1	0	36

## WINTER TERM.

SCHOOLS.	Length of School in weeks.	Number of Scholars enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Not Absent or Tardy.	Over Fifteen Years of Age.	Less than Five Years of Age.	Wages of Teachers per month
South Grammar . . . . .	9	16	16.	14.26	4	0	0	\$40
South Primary . . . . .	9	25	24.	20.48	0	0	1	36
Centre Grammar . . . . .	10	18	16.4	16.25	4	1	0	40
Centre Primary . . . . .	10	27	25.125	20.462	1	0	0	36
East . . . . .	8	35	34.	28.5	1	0	0	40
North . . . . .	9	23	22.66	18.86	3	0	0	36
North Centre . . . . .	9	25	24.1	23.9	0	0	0	40
Cochesett Grammar . . . . .	9	26	24.18	24.5	2	2	0	40
Cochesett Primary . . . . .	9	25	21.	15.66	0	0	3	36
Jerusalem . . . . .	9	15	8.58	6.88	0	1	0	36

Number of scholars in town May 1st, 1886, 309.

Number of scholars enrolled, 282.



## Report of the Public Library.

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There has been added to the library, for the year ending December 31, 1886, by gift and purchase, 82 volumes, making the whole number of books 2,653.

The number of books taken from the library during the past year shows a gratifying increase over the preceding year, especially in the departments of History, Poetry and Science.

The following statistics show the number of books, and the percentage of the whole number, taken in each class :

Agriculture,	52	4-5 of 1 per cent.
Art,	13	1-5    "    "
Biography,	213	3 1-3    "
Fiction,	2,786	43    "
General Literature,	222	3 1-2    "
History,	579	8 9-10    "
Humorous Works,	129	2    "
Juvenile Works,	689	10 2-3    "
Magazines,	1,211	18 2-3    "
Poetry,	246	3 3-4    "
Works of Reference,	39	3-5    "    "
Religion & Theology,	5	1-12    "    "
Science,	113	1 3-4    "
Travels,	172	2 3-4    "
Totals,	6,469	100

## COST OF MAINTAINING THE LIBRARY.

The receipts and expenses for the year have been as follows,  
viz :—

*Receipts.*

From town treasurer,	\$301 44	
sales of catalogues, fines, etc.,	19 53	
Miss E. Kingman, for books,	3 36	
Miss L. S. Ferguson,	75	
Balance old account,	8 52	
	<hr/>	\$333 60

*Expenses.*

Paid Estes & Lauriat, for books,	\$128 91	
Librarian's salary,	102 36	
Magazines,	39 00	
W. E. Fay, printing supplements,	15 00	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	22 50	
P. F. Van Everen,	7 25	
Gen Grant's Memoirs, Vol. II,	3 50	
History of Easton,	4 25	
Tokology,	2 00	
Oil, express, postage, stationery, etc.,	8 83	
	<hr/>	\$333 60

The present financial standing of the library is shown below :

According to the report of the town treasurer, the balance in  
his hands to the credit of the library, Jan. 31, 1884, was—

	\$582 48	
Drawn from the treasury to Jan 31, 1885,	320 30	
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Balance unexpended,	\$262 18	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$262 18
Interest on balance one year at 5 per cent.,	13 11
Dog tax, 1884,	249 98
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Balance due library Jan. 31, 1885,	\$525 27
Drawn from the treasury to Jan. 31, 1886,	321 53
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Balance unexpended,	\$203 74
Interest on balance one year at 5 per cent.,	10 18
Dog tax, 1885,	254 10
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Balance due library, Jan. 31, 1886,	\$468 02
Drawn from treasury to Jan. 31, 1887,	301 44
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Balance unexpended,	\$166 58
Interest on balance one year at 5 per cent.,	8 33
Dog tax, 1886,	284 30
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Balance due library Jan 31, 1887,	\$459 21

It will be seen from the above showing that the amount expended each year is considerably more than the appropriation, (the dog tax), and that the remnant of the Copeland bequest will be, in a comparatively short time, entirely used.

With a view to make this yearly decrease good, and to avoid curtailing the expenditure for new books, the library committee have for some time discussed various projects for raising money. They have finally determined to appeal to the people of the town to assist them to hold a fair, some time next fall, probably early in December.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. PACKARD.

## TOWN MEETING.

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PLYMOUTH, SS.

To any Constable of the Town of West Bridgewater, in the  
County of Plymouth, GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote at Elections and in Town Affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, in said town, on

*Monday, the 7th Day of March,*

at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz :—

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2.—To hear the Annual Reports of Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3.—To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions in regard to Selectmen and Assessors, of Chapter 255 of the Statutes for the year 1878, in regard to the election of Selectmen and Assessors for a term of years, as follows : one

member for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, for the year ensuing; and afterward one member of the board for three years, each year. [By Petition.]

ARTICLE 4.—To choose all necessary Town Officers.

ARTICLE 5.—To determine in what manner the Town will cause its highways and bridges to be repaired the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6.—To bring in their votes, "Yes," or "No," on the following question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

ARTICLE 7.—To act on the list of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 8.—To see if the Town will vote that on and after the next annual town meeting all town officers required to be elected by ballot shall be voted for on one ballot. [By Request.]

ARTICLE 9.—To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provision of the Statute in relation to the election of Road Commissioners. [By Request.]

ARTICLE 10.—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to thoroughly repair the Almshouse, and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for the same. [By Request.]

ARTICLE 11.—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to annually pay to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Public Library, the dividend accruing from the "dog tax," and that the vote shall remain in force until rescinded. [By Request.]



ARTICLE 12.—To see if the Town will vote to secure a lot and erect school buildings in the easterly portion of the town near Matfield station.

ARTICLE 13.—To see if the Town will choose or appoint a committee to carry into effect the preceding article, and to see if the Town will vote to raise the necessary sum of money to defray the expense of purchasing the lot and erecting suitable buildings thereon.

ARTICLE 14. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will instruct our Representative to oppose the draining of Brockton sewerage into Matfield meadows. [By Request.]

ARTICLE 16. To see what action the Town will take in regard to introducing water into the town.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to pay the bill of the Brockton fire department.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will raise one hundred dollars (\$100) for public lectures.

ARTICLE 19. To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money, in anticipation of taxes, to pay charges against the town.

ARTICLE 21. To take such action as the Town sees fit with regard to requiring the County Commissioners to establish a County Truant School in accordance with the provisions of law.

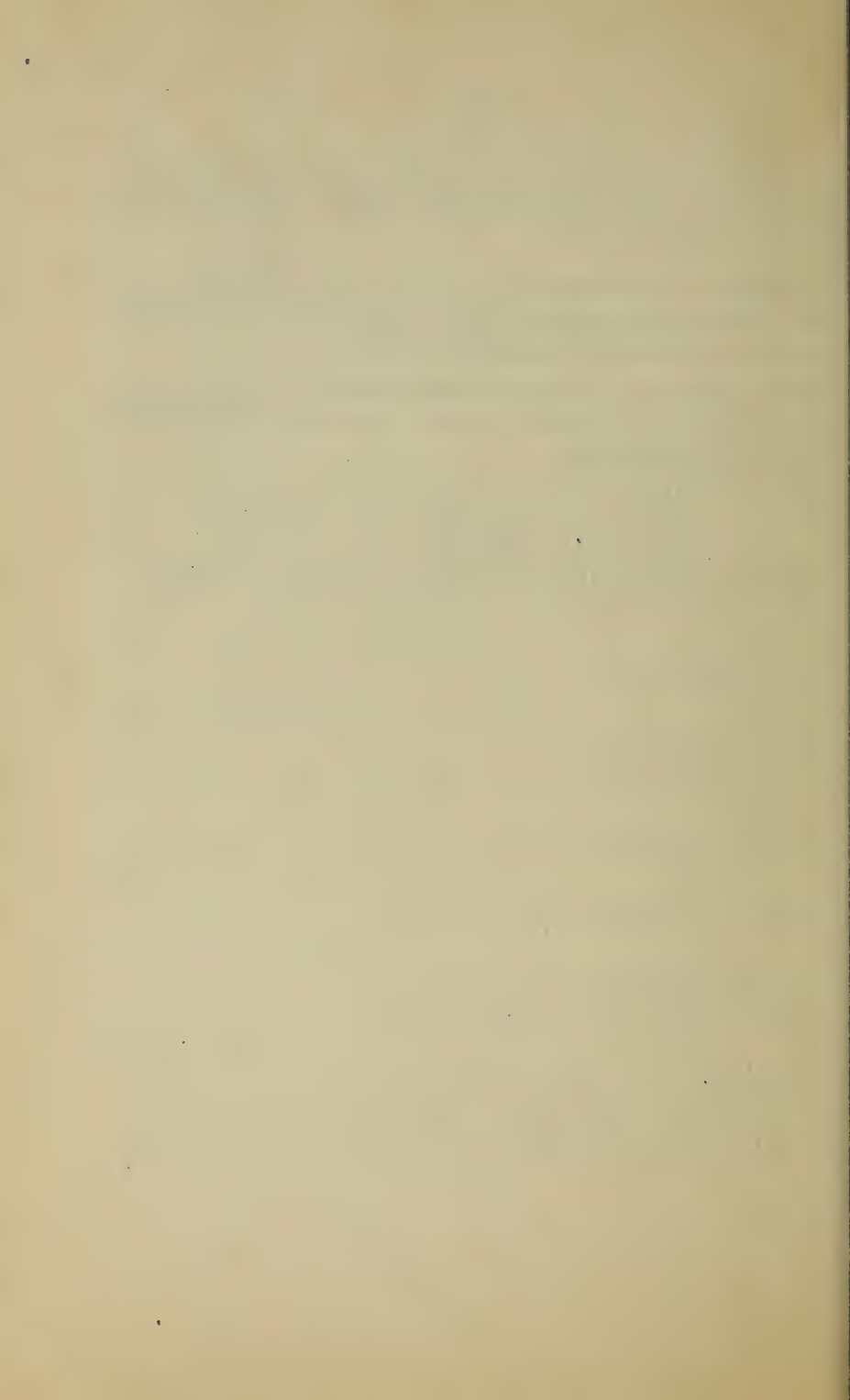


And you are directed to serve this Warrant according to the vote of said town, seven days, at least, before the time appointed for said meeting.

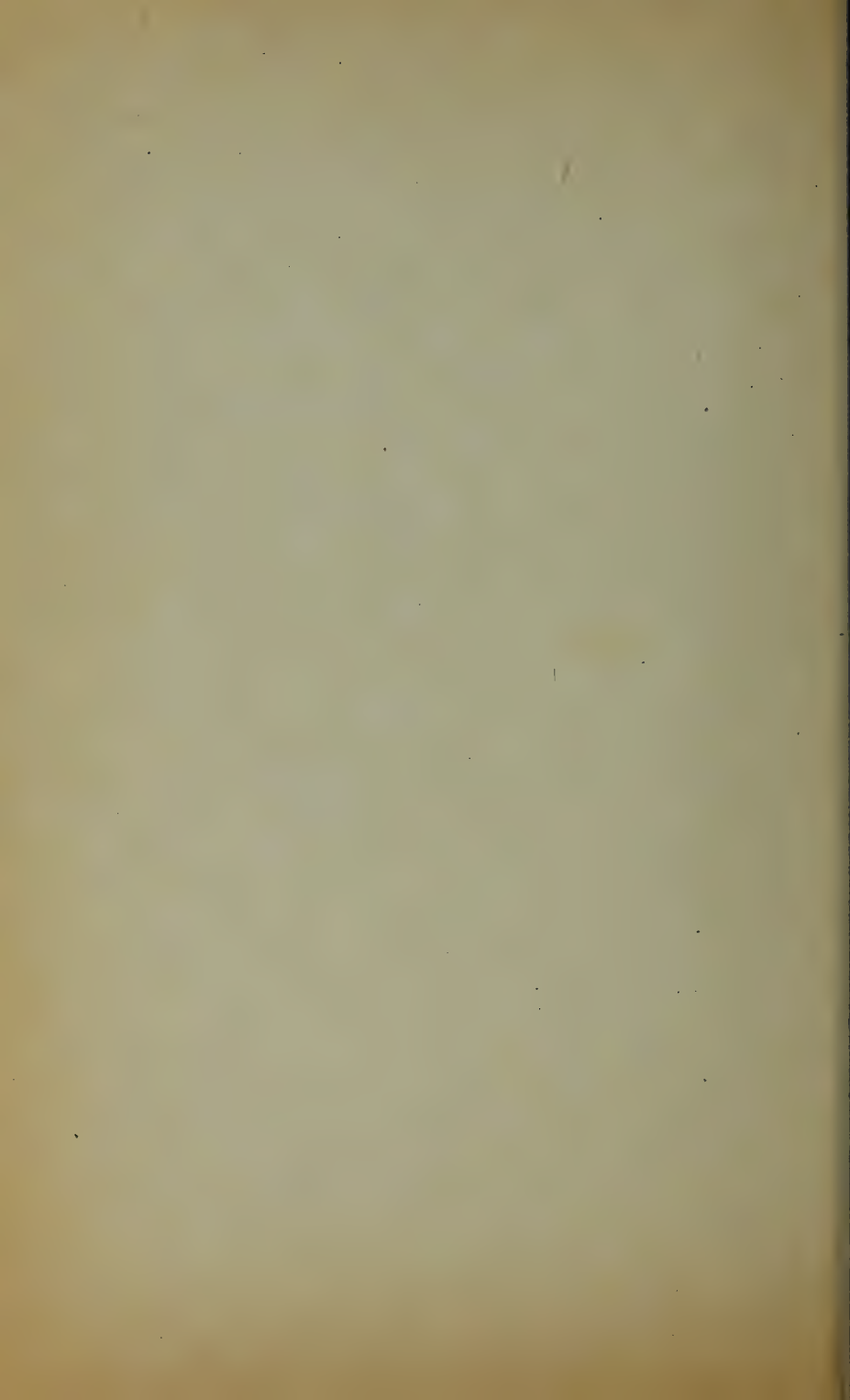
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at or before the time appointed for the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, at said West Bridgewater, this twenty-fifth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

HENRY COPELAND,	}	<i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>West Bridgewater.</i>
MOLBRY A. RIPLEY,		
SAMUEL H. HOWARD,		







*H. M. Louch*

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The following report of the financial condition of the town  
Feb. 1, 1888, is respectfully submitted :

## REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

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### VALUATION.

*As Assessed May 1, 1887.*

Value of real estate,	\$793,224 00
“ personal estate,	166,731 00
Total,	<u>\$959,955 00</u>

### ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	\$1,237 50	
County tax,	1,107 01	
	<u>          </u>	\$2,344 51
Town grant,	\$19,000 00	
Voted to make a loan of	7,000 00	
	<u>          </u>	
Leaving to assess this year,		12,000 00 .
Overlay,		536 84
		<u>          </u>
Total tax,		\$14,881 35

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Rate of tax, \$14.50 per \$1,000. Poll tax,—males, \$2.00 ; females, 50c.

Number of polls,	480
females,	4
acres of land,	9,872
dwelling houses,	379
horses,	362
cows,	587
sheep,	43
swine,	93
young stock,	141

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

For support of schools,	\$3,000 00
school supplies and repairs,	450 00
new school-house at Matfield,	1,600 00
repairs of highways,	2,000 00
Larkin's bridge,	1,600 00
North Main Street,	500 00
Swamp road,	500 00
support of poor,	1,400 00
town officers,	700 00
incidentals,	700 00
public lectures,	100 00
Brockton fire department,	450 00
paying town debt,	6,000 00
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	\$19,000 00



## TOWN PROPERTY.

Valuation of town farm,	\$4,100 00
personal property,	2,065 70
ten school-houses,	13,000 00
town library,	2,500 00
derrick,	100 00
road scraper,	150 00
road scraper,	20 00

HENRY COPELAND,	}	<i>Assessors.</i>
HORACE W. HOWARD,		
JOS. A. SHORES,		

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

## INVENTORY AT ALMSHOUSE, FEB. 1, 1888.

9 tons English hay,	\$180 00
2 1-2 tons swale hay,	37 50
4 1-2 tons meadow hay,	50 00
Hungarian and Rowen,	13 00
2 tons bedding,	16 00
shorts and meal,	9 65
59 baskets corn,	25 00
13 bushels beans,	32 00
2 oxen,	140 00
7 cows,	315 00
1 horse,	135 00
6 swine,	36 00
70 fowls,	52 50
5 ducks,	5 00
52 chickens,	26 00
75 bushels potatoes,	60 00
18 bushels turnips,	9 00
beets and onions,	4 00
cabbages and carrots,	10 50
5 barrels apples,	10 00
dried apples,	1 00
300 pounds pork,	30 00
140 pounds ham,	15 40
60 pounds lard,	6 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,218 55

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,218 55
eggs,	1 80
soap and salt,	1 00
flour,	5 75
groceries,	5 00
pickles and preserves,	1 00
4 pork barrels,	2 00
7 stoves,	50 00
household furniture,	62 00
tin ware,	10 00
crockery, etc.,	30 00
3 churns,	8 00
wooden ware,	12 00
beds and bedding,	90 00
table linen and towels,	12 00
hay wagon,	40 00
covered wagon,	95 00
2 tip carts,	70 00
pung,	15 00
cart harness,	10 00
2 harnesses,	16 00
4 ox yokes,	12 00
sled and wheelbarrow,	10 00
robes and blankets,	12 00
mowing machine and rake,	80 00
farming tools,	80 00
ashes,	3 60
manure,	100 00
oak posts,	4 00
coal,	9 00
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	\$2,065 70

## RECEIPTS AT ALMSHOUSE.

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1887,	\$2 10
Milk sold,	621 45
Stock sold,	278 57
Hay sold,	46 19
Cucumbers sold,	36 00
Vegetables “	19 75
Onions “	39 10
Potatoes “	44 88
Poultry “	52 78
Eggs, “	94 95
Labor off farm,	23 00
Pork sold,	21 48
Beans “	9 64
Wood “	5 00
For board,	30 90
Premium on vegetables,	2 00
Lumber,	1 08
Due the house from Wrentham,	24 85
“ “ “ State,	8 00
“ for wood,	12 50
Hay, stock, etc., on hand Feb. 1, 1888,	2,065 70
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	\$3,439 92

## EXPENDITURES AT ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for flour,	\$42 55
meat,	87 70
pork,	17 50
fish,	17 83
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$165 58

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$165 58
Paid for boots and shoes,	4 90
hardware,	21 22
clothes wringer,	6 00
grass and garden seeds,	19 65
seed potatoes,	9 02
blacksmithing,	15 00
butchering,	3 00
clothing and bedding,	37 49
horse blanket,	1 50
soap,	12 01
medicine,	6 30
snuff and tobacco,	6 75
wooden and tin ware,	12 40
smoking hams,	1 83
shoats,	17 00
use of stock,	6 00
fertilizer,	35 73
labor on farm and in house,	140 63
wire fencing,	3 12
doctor's bill,	77 50
painting and repairing express wagon,	15 00
stock,	374 00
groceries,	150 90
grain,	460 83
coal,	16 75
house furnishings,	10 38
farming tools,	4 17
car fare and horse keeping,	6 95
oil,	6 14
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,647 75

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,647 75
Paid for nails and glass,	1 72
team hire,	4 25
sundries,	11 36
warden's salary,	350 00
Hay, stock, etc., on hand Feb. 1, 1887,	2,137 90
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	\$4,152 98
Expenditures of almshouse,	\$4,152 98
Receipts of                   “	3,439 92
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Balance against almshouse,	\$713 06

## INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Michael Ryan,	Age 39,	52 weeks.
Albert Staples,	“ 45,	52 “
Mary Rogers,	“ 32,	52 “
Ann Flynn,	“ 78,	52 “
Abby Fadden,	“ 59,	36 “
Cecil Morse,	“ 40,	17 “
Frank Fadden,	“ 31,	6 “
Flora Makenva,	“ 19,	4 “
Ann Cobb,	“ 42,	4 “
George Cobb,	“ 13,	4 “
Walter Cobb,	“ 16,	2 “

Average number during the year,  $5\frac{21}{52}$ .

Average cost per week,  $\$2.53\frac{213}{231}$ .



## EXPENSE OF POOR OUT OF THE HOUSE.

Aid to Frank Fadden's children,	\$165 00
Fred Leonard,	87 50
Mrs. Jonas Leonard,	8 50
Morse children,	59 62
Mrs. Wild,	105 00
Henry Withington,	24 00
Mary E. Leach,	10 00
Nathaniel Pratt,	122 50
Eaton family,	10 00
Horton “	25 00
Wm. Foye's family,	4 00
Geo. Young,	2 00
— Crosby,	10 00
Thomas Clancey,	102 25
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	\$735 37

Due from Plympton,	\$122 50	
Rehoboth,	25 00	
Bridgewater,	10 00	
State,	4 00	
Middleboro,	2 00	
	<hr/>	163 50
Total expense of poor out of the house,		\$571 87
Due from Braintree,		86 00

HENRY COPELAND,	}	<i>Overseers of the Poor.</i>
HORACE W. HOWARD,		
JOS. A. SHORES,		

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

## INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Joseph Ring, lighting and care of lanterns,	\$20 40
Charles E. Tisdale, printing and postage,	3 00
Molbry A. Ripley,	5 70
Daniel Perkins, office rent,	18 00
Samuel D. Bartlett, tolling bell,	5 00
G. A. Goodall, printing,	115 25
J. H. Adams, iron work for derrick, drills, etc.,	4 50
McCann Bros., returning deaths,	1 75
F. W. Howard, digging graves and care of lot,	11 00
Clinton Howard, rent town hall,	75 00
C. H. Whiting, printing,	2 75
G. R. Drake, broom, stationery, etc.,	96
Wm. M. Thompson, insurance town buildings,	50 00
E. C. Linfield, printing,	2 00
A. H. Leonard, “	10 00
John Gillispie, lighting and care of lanterns,	4 00
James Howard, surveying,	7 00
D. W. Gardner, care of monument,	2 00
L. E. Hayward,	2 00
Erland Thayer, paid for gravel,	19 80
Wm. F. Ryder, old bill repairing washout,	3 60
J. A. Shores, repairing guide boards,	1 45
M. A. Ripley, care of monument,	2 00
Wm. H. Tobey, returning deaths,	2 50
Davis Copeland, fighting fire,	2 00
S. G. Copeland, “ “	6 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$377 66

<i>Amounts brought forward.</i>	\$377 66
Henry Copeland, fighting fire,	5 25
Charles Atwell, iron work for bridge,	8 45
C. H. Morrison, tolling bell,	2 50
Henry Copeland, cash expenses and use of team,	20 58
Horace W. Howard, cash expenses and use of team,	10 00
J. A. Shores, cash expenses and use of team,	3 88
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	\$428 32
Appropriation,	700 00

Appropriation for paying Brockton fire department,	\$450 00
Amount paid,	450 00

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

District No. 1. Appropriation,	\$314 00
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There has been paid upon bills approved by  
E. B. Wilber, surveyor :

To E. B. Wilber,	\$98 45	
Horace Bartlett,	69 75	
J. C. Howard,	53 40	
Horatio Howard,	10 35	
Elihu Leonard,	41 70	
John Gillispie,	2 25	
George Hopkins,	7 50	
Clinton P. Howard,	31 53	
	<hr/>	314 93
Overdrawn,		<hr/> 93

District No. 2. Appropriation, \$289 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by L. A. Flagg, surveyor :

To L. A. Flagg,	\$27 75	
Cyrus Alger,	85 50	
Cyrus E. Alger,	26 55	
Stillman W. Hersey,	19 05	
Edward Tisdale,	49 25	
Charles Howard,	11 78	
Joseph B. Phillips,	5 17	
J. S. Jones,	7 72	
J. C. Leighton,	4 50	
Daniel S. Perry,	10 80	
	<hr/>	248 07
Balance,		<hr/> \$40 93

District No. 3. Appropriation, \$314 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by Erland Thayer, surveyor :

To Erland Thayer,	\$147 93	
C. C. Thayer,	42 15	
E. B. Wilber,	67 60	
W. F. Ryder,	31 80	
Horace Bartlett,	6 75	
George Hopkins,	18 00	
	<hr/>	314 23
Overdrawn,		<hr/> 23

District No. 4. Appropriation, \$264 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by S. G. Copeland, surveyor :

To S. G. Copeland,	\$38 80	
Davis Copeland,	34 82	
Henry Copeland,	45 80	
Bradford Copeland,	57 50	
Ole K. Ness,	10 00	
James C. Keith,	11 00	
W. C. Kinney,	7 50	
Elihu Leonard,	6 00	
	<hr/>	211 42

Balance,		<hr/> \$52 58
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District No. 5. Appropriation, \$289 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by John Cashman, surveyor :

To John Cashman,	\$144 23	
E. Wilber,	15 50	
E. Lothrop,	6 00	
Horace Bartlett,	4 50	
P. Cashion,	9 00	
John Luddy,	7 05	
George Hopkins,	9 00	
John Hennessey,	9 30	
Edward Madden,	9 00	
Edward Madden, 2d,	3 75	
C. P. Howard,	2 70	
R. C. Bennett,	9 00	
W. K. Dickerson,	1 75	
Eli Wheeler,	15 14	
	<hr/>	245 92

Balance,		<hr/> \$43 08
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District No. 6. Appropriation, \$264 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by  
Nathan F. Dunbar, surveyor :

To Nathan F. Dunbar,	\$40 20	
Horace W. Howard,	64 65	
Albert L. Alger,	52 50	
Stillman W. Hersey,	23 70	
G. W. Howard,	23 75	
Cyrus E. Alger,	27 90	
Bismore Bros.,	11 25	
William H. Howard,	3 00	
John Dewyre,	2 00	
J. H. Adams,	1 25	
	<hr/>	250 20
Balance,		<hr/> \$13 80

District No. 7. Appropriation, \$264 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by J. Q.  
Hartwell, surveyor :

To J. Q. Hartwell,	\$53 00	
L. E. & E. Copeland,	69 75	
Thomas Jackson,	39 50	
Horace W. Howard,	22 50	
H. G. Mitchell,	9 00	
Michael Egan,	18 00	
Timothy Carroll,	21 00	
Patrick Connolly,	9 00	
L. E. Hayward,	14 75	
	<hr/>	256 50
Balance,		<hr/> \$7 50



Appropriation for North Main Street,		\$500 00
Paid James C. Keith,	\$140 35	
Henry Copeland,	97 50	
Warren R. Keith,	106 64	
P. K. Bacon,	72 80	
Willard Howard,	38 85	
Davis Copeland,	3 60	
Otis Cobb,	2 50	
	<hr/>	462 24
Balance,		<hr/> \$37 76

Appropriation for Swamp Road,		\$500 00
Paid Henry Copeland,	\$113 15	
S. G. Copeland,	87 05	
J. E. Carr,	57 70	
E. B. Wilber,	21 75	
Warren R. Keith,	9 45	
Bradford Copeland,	20 00	
Daniel Dean,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$311 10
Balance,		<hr/> \$188 90

#### BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

The following persons have drawn money for the construction of Larkin's bridge :

Oakes S. Soule, lumber,	\$12 41
C. P. Howard, railing and labor,	9 23
E. B. Wilber,     "     "     "	9 50
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$31 14

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$31 14	
Owen Conlon, labor,	1 25	
Albert Copeland, painting,	2 15	
Charles Atwell, iron work,	9 75	
County treasurer,	2,010 00	
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Amount expended,		\$2,054 29
Appropriation,		1,600 00

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SCHOOLS.

Appropriation for 1887,	\$3,000 00	
State school fund,	220 92	
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	\$3,220 92	
Appropriation for school repairs and supplies,	450 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,670 92
There has been drawn from the treas- ury for the support of schools,	\$3,386 52	
For repairs,	269 16	
supplies,	150 00	
	<hr/>	3,805 68
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Overdrawn,		\$134 76

## NEW SCHOOL HOUSE AT MATFIELD.

Amount appropriated,	\$1,600 00
Amount expended,	1,569 69

## STATE AID.

Paid the following persons, under Chapter 1301, Acts 1879 :

James P. Gallagher,	\$72 00	
Charles T. Morse,	54 00	
Patrick Dorgan,	50 00	
Lucius Dunbar,	72 00	
William A. Linehan,	72 00	
Benj. F. Phillips,	36 00	
Charles E. Churchill,	72 00	
John A. Millet,	36 00	
Ellis R. Holbrook,	36 00	
John Shipman,	9 00	
William Crockett,	48 00	
Andrew W. Perkins,	36 00	
James H. Leonard,	66 00	
Charles E. Miller,	48 00	
William H. Jennings,	28 00	
Mary E. Howard,	48 00	
Elizabeth O. Packard,	48 00	
Lucinda S. Lothrop,	24 00	
Mary J. Reeves,	48 00	
Eliza F. Richardson,	48 00	
Mary E. Alger,	48 00	
Caroline B. Dunbar,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,007 00

## MILITARY AID.

Under Chapter 252, Acts 1879.

Michael Logue,	\$18 00	
David W. Tinkham,	72 00	
Isaac H. Bates,	72 00	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$162 00	\$1,007 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$162 00	\$1,007 00
George B. Randall,	120 00	
William B. Smith,	48 00	
Linus E. Hayward,	80 00	
James Jacobs,	18 00	
	<hr/>	428 00
Total amount paid for State and military aid,		\$1,435 00

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Horace W. Howard, auditor,	\$1 00	
Warren R. Keith, auditor,	1 00	
Charles E. Tisdale, treasurer,	150 00	
“ “ registrar,	2 50	
William H. Jennings, moderator,	5 00	
M. A. Ripley, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	14 00	
George Burke, constable,	6 00	
Albert Copeland, school committee,	12 30	
Martha K. Crosby, supt. of schools,	125 00	
B. B. Howard, town clerk,	75 00	
Lucius Dunbar, registrar,	7 50	
J. A. Forbes, “	2 00	
Henry Copeland, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	134 00	
Horace W. Howard, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	104 50	
Joseph A. Shores, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	81 75	
Frank Tisdale, school committee,	4 00	
Ellis R. Holbrook,	8 90	
	<hr/>	734 45
Appropriation,		\$700 00

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury February 1st, 1887,	\$1,588 70
Borrowed of Brockton Savings Bank,	2,000 00
Balance of corporation tax,	3 04
From town of Plympton,	123 50
Loaned of Brockton Savings Bank for 1 year and 6 months,	1,000 00
Loaned of Brockton Savings Bank for 2 years and 6 months,	2,000 00
Loaned of Brockton Savings Bank for 3 years and 6 months,	2,000 00
Loaned of Brockton Savings Bank for 4 years and 6 months,	2,000 00
From town of Rehoboth,	313 27
Borrowed of Henry Copeland,	700 00
Received tax bills for 1887,	14,936 13
Borrowed of Frank Dunbar,	1,000 00
Corporation tax,	694 81
National Bank tax,	555 76
State aid,	1,175 00
Military aid,	168 00
Dog fund,	294 79
School fund,	220 92
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	\$30,773 92

## EXPENDITURES OF TREASURY.

Six months' interest on loan,	\$40 00
Note and interest,	5,055 55
Six per cent discount on 1887 taxes paid on or before Oct. 15,	754 20
Henry Copeland, note and interest,	707 00
Frank Dunbar, " " "	1,005 00
Six months' interest on loan,	160 00
Savings bank note and interest,	1,020 00
County tax,	1,107 01
State tax,	1,237 50
Savings bank note and interest,	2,060 89
Town farm,	792 62
" officers,	734 45
School supplies,	150 00
New school-house, Matfield,	1,569 69
School repairs,	269 16
Schools,	3,386 52
Poor out of the house,	735 37
Highways,	1,841 27
Incidentals,	428 32
Brockton fire bill,	450 00
North Main Street,	462 24
Swamp Road,	311 10
Abatement,	250 61
Larkin's bridge,	2,054 29
Library,	238 81
Lectures,	100 00
State aid,	1,007 00
Military aid,	428 00
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	\$28,356 60
Cash and uncollected taxes,	2,417 32
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	\$30,773 92



## CONDITION OF TREASURY FEB. 1, 1888.

Cash on hand,	\$593 66
Uncollected taxes, 1885,	51 62
“ “ 1886,	208 41
“ “ 1887,	1,563 63
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	\$2,417 32
Due from State for State aid furnished,	\$1,007 00
Military aid furnished,	214 00
Braintree,	86 11
Bridgewater,	22 50
Rehoboth,	25 00
Plympton,	122 50
State,	4 00
Middleboro,	2 00
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	\$1,483 11

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of West Bridgewater for the year ending Feb. 1, 1888, and have found them properly cast and vouched for.

WM. F. RYDER,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
EDWARD TISDALE,		

## OUTSTANDING NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

Two loans from Brockton Savings Bank of \$1,000 each, payable Nov. 1, 1888.

Loaned from Brockton Savings Bank, 2,000, payable Nov. 1, 1889.

Loaned from Brockton Savings Bank, \$2,000, payable Nov. 1, 1890.

Loaned from Brockton Savings Bank, \$2,000, payable Nov. 1, 1891.

## NAMES OF JURORS

For acceptance or revision by the town at its annual meeting :

Cyrus Alger,	Charles E. Tisdale,
Bradford Copeland,	Clinton P. Howard,
Frank Copeland,	Frank M. Hayward,
Horace Bartlett,	George H. Knapp,
Edward H. Keith,	Henry Copeland,
John A. Millet,	E. B. Wilber,
Myron Packard,	F. E. Howard,
Japhet Packard,	Joseph Vosmus,
Warren R. Keith,	Prescott T. Snell,
Herbert A. Millet,	William F. Ryder,
Curtis Eddy,	Lorenzo A. Tower,
Ira Pratt,	Jonas Hartwell,
William Shipman,	Abial Washburn,
Horace W. Howard,	L. A. Flagg,
Charles T. Thayer,	Fred. H. Washburn,
Charles R. Packard,	Davis Copeland,
Almond Rounds,	Julius Hayward,
George W. Howard,	George R. Drake,
Seba H. Marshall,	M. A. Ripley,
	J. A. Forbes.

## NAMES OF JURORS DRAWN IN 1887.

C. W. Bacon,	Lucius Dunbar,
S. D. Bartlett,	John Copeland,
Josiah Perkins,	Charles E. Churchill,
	George T. Shaw.

## WE RECOMMEND THE TOWN TO APPROPRIATE :

For support of poor,	\$1,400 00
support of schools,	3,000 00
school repairs and supplies,	450 00
highway repairs,	2,000 00
town officers,	700 00
incidentals,	700 00
public lectures,	100 00
building road at Matfield as laid out by County Commissioners,	500 00
completing North Main street and Swamp road as laid out by the County Commissioners,	300 00
repairs at almshouse,	150 00

The next annual town meeting will be held on Monday, the 5th day of March, 1888.

HENRY COPELAND,	} <i>Selectmen, Assessors</i>
HORACE W. HOWARD,	
JOS. A. SHORES,	
	} <i>and</i>
	} <i>Overseers of the Poor.</i>

## Report of the School Committee.

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At the beginning of the school year of 1887-88 the following were members of the committee :

MRS. A. S. LACHEUR and B. PERKINS, for three years.

J. A. SHORES and MRS. M. K. CROSBY, for two years.

W. A. LINEHAN and F. S. TISDALE, for one year.

The organization for the year was as follows :

J. A. SHORES, Chairman. M. K. CROSBY, Secretary.

J. A. SHORES and F. S. TISDALE, Committee on Repairs.

J. A. SHORES and B. PERKINS, Truant Officers.

The schools were assigned as follows :

North and North Centre to Mr. Perkins.

Cochesett to Mr. Tisdale.

Centre to Mrs. Lacheur.

South to Mr. Shores.

East to Mrs. Crosby.

Jerusalem to Mr. Linehan.

The teachers of the previous year were continued in their respective schools.

J. A. Shores, F. S. Tisdale and B. Perkins were chosen a committee to procure a suitable lot for a school-house at Matfield, and to superintend the erection of the building, in accordance with a vote of the town at the March meeting. Their account of expenditures shows a small balance remaining, that would have been used on the lot if the proposed changes in the adjoining highway had been completed.

During the summer vacation a much needed change was made by the repair committee, in the Cochesett building, by which each school has now a separate entrance, and the lower school no longer suffers from a lack of entry room.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

### TEACHERS' DEPARTMENT.

Paid Miss S. L. Waldron, 32 weeks,	\$288 00
Miss I. S. Wood, 32 weeks,	288 00
Miss M. A. Tisdale, 32 weeks,	320 00
Miss E. Crowinshield, 31 weeks,.	276 50
Miss A. K. Littlefield, 32 weeks,	320 00
Miss W. A. Holmes, 32 weeks,	288 00
Miss M. A. Dewyre, 28 weeks,	280 00
Miss A. A. Frawley, 36 weeks,	360 00
Miss C. F. Ellis, 32 weeks,	320 00
Mrs. L. M. Toothaker, 32 weeks,	320 00
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	\$3,060 50

### JANITORS' DEPARTMENT.

Paid M. A. Dewyre,	\$2 50
W. A. Holmes,	10 00
C. H. Morrison,	20 00
G. J. Kingman,	10 00
Elton Bailey,	5 00
Charles Connor,	15 00
Mrs. McDonald,	10 00
Mrs. Toothaker,	5 00
Henry Kinney,	5 00
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	\$82 50

## FUEL DEPARTMENT.

Paid J. E. Ryder, 5 cords oak wood,	\$25 00
G. M. Pratt, 1 cord oak wood,	5 50
Martin Dunbar, 2 cords oak wood,	10 00
L. E. Hayward, 1 cord pine wood,	4 25
“ “ cutting and housing wood,	7 75
C. H. Morrison, “ “ “ “	10 00
Owen King, “ “ “ “	28 50
Willard Howard, 2 cords hard wood,	10 00
“ “ cutting and housing wood,	5 00
Mrs. Crosby, 2 cords pine wood,	8 00
“ “ cutting and housing wood,	1 75
E. Thayer, 1-2 cord pine wood and labor,	3 00
for labor on wood from lot at Matfield,	1 00
E. T. Snell, 9 3-4 cords oak wood,	48 75
“ “ 3 1-2 cords pine wood,	14 00
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	\$182 50

## EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages,	\$3,060 50
Fuel,	182 50
Janitors,	82 50
East Bridgewater, for tuition,	55 34
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	\$3,380 84

## RECEIPTS.

Town grant,	\$3,000 00
Income of Mass. school fund,	220 92
Overdrawn,	159 92



The account of the East school contains one month from the previous year; that of the Matfield school leaves four weeks for the next year on account of the delay in beginning the fall term.

# DEPARTMENT OF REPAIRS.

## *Jerusalem.*

Paid T. Carroll, for grading near door,	\$4 50
for cleaning house,	3 50
W. A. Linehan, repairs and furnishings,	2 75
“ “ service,	1 75
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	\$12 50

## *Cochesett.*

Paid E. E. Miller, mason work and stock,	\$6 00
for cleaning building,	10 50
Albert Copeland, painting and stock,	8 50
for repairs and furnishings,	2 53
F. W. Howard, labor and stock,	83 77
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	\$111 30

## *Centre.*

Paid Albert Copeland, labor and stock,	\$4 14
Chester Thayer, labor and materials,	5 28
S. D. Bartlett, labor and stock,	5 00
George Wilbur, labor,	1 50
E. E. Miller, mason work and stock,	5 50
for cleaning houses,	7 20
“ “ stoves and pipe,	1 60
for wire netting for windows,	2 62
“ small repairs and furnishings,	1 40
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	\$34 24

*South.*

Paid S. L. Ryder, stock and labor,	\$2 69
Chester Thayer, labor,	4 12
J. H. Fairbanks, stoves and fixtures,	13 08
E. E. Miller, mason repairs and stock,	2 00
for cleaning house,	3 00
“ “ stoves and pipes,	1 30
“ small repairs and furnishings,	3 00
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	\$29 19

*East.*

Paid M. K. Crosby, repairs and furnishings,	\$5 25
Wm. H. Tobey, bureau,	4 00
for cleaning house,	2 00
“ “ stove and pipe,	80
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	\$12 05

*Matfield.*

Paid Wm. H. Tobey, bureau,	\$4 00
S. L. Ryder, labor and stock,	3 34
for repairing clock,	2 00
“ labor and cleaning,	1 25
“ furnishings,	2 65
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	\$13 24

*North Centre.*

Paid B. H. Waugh, labor and stock,	\$4 25
C. P. Hilstrum, lead pipe and drain pipe,	2 69
“ “ labor,	2 80
“ “ cleaning stove and pipe,	1 25
Davis Copeland, stock for fence,	17 60
“ “ labor on “	7 50
for cleaning room,	1 00
“ furnishings,	1 20
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	\$38 29

*North.*

Paid B. H. Waugh, labor and stock,	\$11 65
C. P. Hilstrum, labor, pipe and zinc,	2 05
for cleaning house,	2 00
“ furnishings,	1 55
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	\$17 25
Whole amount of repairs,	\$268 06
Balance,	31 94
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Town grant,	\$300 00

## MATFIELD SCHOOL HOUSE.

Paid W. F. Ryder, land,	\$100 00
Horton Brothers, cellar and foundation,	178 00
S. L. Ryder, contract for building,	1,050 00
“ “ putting in desks, and extras,	23 22
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,351 22

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,351 22
Paid for school furniture,	113 38
“ settees,	11 20
“ freight on furniture and settees,	18 92
“ clearing and grading lot,	40 92
A. Copeland, painting blackboards,	7 00
J. H. Fairbanks, stove and fixtures,	19 75
for furnishings,	3 80
J. A. Shores, cash paid out,	3 50
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Total expenditure,	\$1,569 69
Balance unexpended,	30 31
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Town grant for building,	\$1,600 00

A record was made last year of those pupils whose parents had not complied with the State laws requiring vaccination as a condition of attendance at school. The present vacation will give time to attend to this important matter, and parents are requested to communicate with the Chairman of the School Board, if there are good reasons why the law has not been observed.

As the Hampden County truant school is no longer open for the reception of truants from places outside that county, our almshouse has been selected as the place to which our truants shall be taken to secure regular attendance at school.

The number of children in town on the first of May was two hundred and ninety-one, between five and fifteen years of age. Of this number there were two hundred and forty-eight in common schools, sixteen in the Howard school, fourteen (all but one of these over fourteen years) at work, two sick and eleven young and not having entered school.

One of the first questions asked by parents seeking to locate in the country, is : "What are the chances for a good education for my children?" Schools that would be considered quite good in sections remote from educational centres, must here be compared with those that are provided with ample means for their support.

Attention has, in previous years, been called to the fact that we have a school year of but thirty-two weeks, while our neighbors find from thirty-six to forty weeks none too much. We ask this year for a grant to enable us to add at least two weeks to the winter term, and to reach the end of our labors with no deficiency.

The appropriations recommended for this year are these :

For the support of schools,	\$3,500 00
For furnishings and repairs,	300 00
For text-books and supplies,	.150 00

At the next annual meeting two members of the school board should be chosen for three years.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. SHORES,  
M. K. CROSBY,  
A. S. LELACHEUR,  
F. S. TISDALE,  
B. PERKINS,

*School Committee.*

WEST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 1, 1888.

## Superintendent's Report.

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During the period for which I now present you a report, most of our schools have continued their work without important changes in organization or instruction. This has been favorable to progress in all departments of school instruction. Teachers and pupils have, at the opening of each successive term, resumed their suspended labors and carried them forward without the delays that attend radical changes.

A second year's experience as superintendent has confirmed my opinion that our town's people should, in some way, be made better acquainted with the aims of our schools and the means employed to reach the desired results.

Assuming that all thoughtful citizens regard our public school system as a most potent agency in the present and future prosperity of our town, and also that they are in active sympathy with all efforts to increase the efficiency of this system, a plan of the work attempted is herewith presented for their consideration.

Our State laws prescribe the work for public schools as follows :

"Instruction in orthography, reading, writing, English grammar, geography, arithmetic, drawing, the history of the United States, physiology and hygiene, (which, in both divisions of the subject, shall include special instruction as to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics, on the human system,) and good behavior. Algebra, vocal music, agriculture and sewing shall be taught . . . when the school committee deem it expedient." . . . "All instructors of youth shall exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children . . . the principles of piety and justice and a sacred regard to truth; love of their country, humanity,



and universal benevolence; sobriety, industry, and frugality; chastity, moderation, and temperance; and those other virtues which are the ornament of human society and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded."

The Report of the Board of Education for 1884-5 contains a "Plan of Instruction for Elementary Schools," prepared by an experienced school superintendent and proposed as a guide for school officials in arranging their courses of study. This scheme provides for all graded schools below the high school.

With this amount of required work before us, and such helpful suggestions for its accomplishment, our attention can be chiefly directed to adapting both work and methods to the existing circumstances of our schools, at the same time keeping in view the imperative need of improving these conditions from year to year.

Our schools, for the most part, belong to the class known as mixed or ungraded, though in Cochesett, the Centre and South districts, there is a division into upper and lower schools. This imperfect grading should be carefully guarded as the basis of a more complete system that may be established when we have improved facilities for reaching some school centrally located, and when an increased number of pupils calls for its adoption. In mixed schools receiving, as ours do, pupils of school age whenever presented, it is impossible to arrange a programme with the precision that can be attained in graded schools.

This plan that I now offer as best suited to our schools, agrees in its essential features with that determined upon, several years ago, by one of my predecessors, whose official labors ceased before he had time to put his scheme into working connection with the schools. Its partial introduction at that time laid a foundation for more system and definiteness in our school work, and steady progress in the same line will prevent a relapse into methods that are inefficient and wasteful.

## COURSE OF STUDY.

## FIRST READER GRADE.

*Language.*—Oral and written. Talks about animals, plants, pictures, etc. Lead the children to notice color, form, size, position, and other points that naturally present themselves in the conversations. There is great need of early attention to the correct and distinct enunciation of spoken words. The speech of children entering school is often hardly intelligible except to their home friends. Correction of errors in the use of language should now commence and be continued through all the grades of school life.

*Reading.*—Commence with a few simple, familiar words used in short sentences. Teach with blackboard and books. Alphabet introduced only when needed. Use several First Readers, taking the easier lessons from each successively, and afterwards return to complete the books.

*Spelling.*—This begins with the separation of words (first learned as whole) into the letters that form them. Constant use is made of the small letter cards referred to in the report of last year, and copying words from blackboard and readers, combines writing with spelling.

*Arithmetic.*—Numbers from one to twenty inclusive, advancing from one and two upwards as fast as all possible combinations of those already learned are mastered by the pupils. Use buttons, pebbles, and other small objects, slate and blackboard. Represent by figures and Roman numerals. Concrete problems given by teacher and pupils.

*Remarks.*—The time passed in this grade must depend upon the natural aptitude of the child, his attainments on admission, and the time the teacher is able to devote to the class. All subsequent progress rests upon the foundation here laid, and time is well spent in securing thoroughness at the outset.

## SECOND READER GRADE.

*Reading.*—From a variety of Second Readers.

*Spelling.*—Oral and written, from reading and language lessons. Dictation of simple sentences. Spelling by sound.

*Language.*—Oral and written, as in first grade. Reproduction of stories told or read by the teacher. Use of capitals, period, question mark and quotation marks. Simple letter writing. Memorizing and recitation of easy selections.

*Arithmetic.*—Numbers to fifty inclusive, taken as in the previous grade, with objects. Later, numbers to one hundred. Concrete problems. Written work with same numbers. Roman numerals continued and through the succeeding grades. Practical use of measures of length, capacity and weight, and some of the tables learned. Adding columns of digits from blackboard; continue this in the higher grades.

## THIRD READER GRADE.

*Reading.*—From as many Third Readers as possible, Health Primer, Primary Geography, and Child's History of the United States. These books should be taken in the order best suited to the needs of the class. Vocal drill continued. Use of dictionary.

*Spelling.*—In the various ways before given.

*Language.*—Oral and written descriptions of objects, places, manufactures, etc. Abstract of lessons, oral and in writing. Dictation, business forms, punctuation and letter writing.

*Original Composition.*—Simple and with needful instruction. Principal parts of speech, and forms of plural.

*Arithmetic.*—Numbers to thousands and upwards. Written work in the four operations. Decimals, two places. United States money. Simple concrete factors and concrete mental problems. Tables of weights and measures.

*Geography.*—Talks about the forms of land and water near the school-room and elsewhere, illustrated by pictures. Simple presentation of the round earth with the arrangement of land and water upon its surface; show with globe. Two motions of the earth; day and night; seasons; axis and equator. Maps; preparatory lessons giving relative positions of objects and places in room and yard; directions and points of compass. Study outline of top of desk and draw plan with fixed scale of measurements; locate objects within this outline. Map the floor in same manner, naming the sides to correspond with points of compass. Suspend this map with north side at top. Show and construct map of town. Present all maps, first, in a horizontal position with north side towards the north, etc. Hemispheres; outline and relative position of the oceans, continents and islands; chief mountains, rivers, capes, cities and products of the more important countries. Special study of our State and of New England. Use Heath's outline map of New England in drawing.

*Remarks.*—The more elementary parts of this study can often be taken in the previous grade.

#### FOURTH READER GRADE.

*Reading.*—From Fourth Readers, Hawthorne's True Tales, Higginson's U. S. History, Sheldon & Co.'s Science Reader, and other suitable books.

*Spelling.*—As before given.

*Language.*—Work of previous grade continued. Grammar, with text book, taking up the principal topics there presented.

*Arithmetic.*—Factors; common and decimal fractions; problems involving weights and measures; percentage and its application in interest; taxes, stocks, etc.; occasional reviews of preceding work; ratio and proportion; mensuration, square and cube root if time permits. Avoid puzzling problems.



*Geography.*—Meridians, parallels, tropics, latitude and longitude. The grand divisions can be taken in order and their countries studied according to some general scheme. With North America make the United States a special study. Heath's outline maps can be filled out for each grand division. Geography is pre-eminently an information study, and its range of subjects is so wide and full of interest that the least hopeful pupils can, by it, be roused to some degree of enthusiasm. Commercial geography presents special attractions when enlivened by books of travel, newspapers, maps, pictures, curiosities and specimens of the products of different regions. Much help can be obtained from our public library.

*History.*—United States treated topically, with only a few of the most important dates to be memorized.

*Physiology.*—Text book and illustrations. In all of our schools the evil consequences of tobacco and alcohol are emphasized. Gymnastic exercises enforce practically some of these lessons.

*Remarks.*—Early in the year one of our citizens promised to procure for use in the schools, Zaggy's Anatomical Study, a collection of colored charts prepared under the direction of competent physicians at considerable expense, to aid in the study of the human body, and also to impress upon the young the baneful effects of alcohol. These valuable charts have been exhibited in every school during the year, and will be shown, from time to time, to instruct and warn those whose habits are being formed.

#### FOR ALL GRADES.

*Writing.*—Taught at first with slate, then with pencil and paper. The tracing book precedes the usual copy book. Careful attention must be given to securing a proper position of the body and a good manner of holding the pen.

*Drawing.*—Practice in simple exercises throughout the course. Maps.

*Singing.*—Rote singing is practised in all of the schools, and lessons on the scale and in the elements of written music are given in most. Daily practice is strongly recommended.

*General Exercises.*—These should be of frequent or daily occurrence and include a variety of topics; memorable days, current events here and elsewhere (natural and political); great discoveries and inventions, etc. In the investigations that attend such lessons, children find, at their homes, helpers and fellow-learners.

For inculcating “good behavior” and “all those other virtues,” we must rely chiefly upon the examples afforded in the management of each school, and the precepts that direct and influence its daily operations. In this field the home and school should be co-workers, for if it is true that the teacher’s likeness is shown in her work, how much more plainly does each child, in face and bearing, reveal the real character of its home life!

It may be here stated that the change of classes from a lower to higher grade does not occur at fixed times, but when the circumstances are most favorable for such transfers. Every class advances steadily in the prescribed course of study, without regard to the school in which it may chance to be. In all of our schools, but especially in the ungraded, a pupil may recite with different classes, according to his attainments in the various studies.

Pupils that can pass a satisfactory examination in the studies here given, would be fitted to enter an ordinary high school. The time required for this course must depend, in great measure, upon the ability and regular school attendance of the pupils. The length of our school year is but eight-tenths of that in most of the large towns, and it is manifestly unfair to expect our schools to perform the same amount of work in



thirty-two weeks that others do in forty with no long winter vacation to interfere with continuous study.

It is earnestly recommended that the parents and friends of all pupils who obtain a fair standing in our common schools, should encourage them to improve the opportunity offered for a higher education in the Howard school. The studies of its preparatory year are: "English language and literature, arithmetic, ancient history, Latin (optional), natural science (including minerals), writing and drawing."

These have a direct bearing upon the future lives of our youth, by training their mental powers, increasing their knowledge, and thus fitting them to perform more intelligently life's duties.

The trustees of the Howard school offer the same instruction to the girls and boys of our town, and in classes together as far as the organization of the institution will permit.

Among the few events of our school year calling for special notice, are the transfer of the pupils from the South grammar school to that at the Centre, which took place at the beginning of the fall term, and opening the new school at Matfield a few weeks later.

Twenty-three pupils assembled in the pleasant new house at Matfield, Oct. 10th, and were quickly at work under the direction of their skilful and experienced teacher. The school now numbers twenty-six—sixteen from the Beaver section and ten from the limits of the East district, and the primary grade will doubtless be increased in the spring.

A few weeks before the close of the winter term, an application from Miss Crowninshield of the Centre primary school to vacate her place, that she might secure a more advantageous position elsewhere, was granted by the committee with sincere

regret for the loss of her efficient services. Her sister was employed as substitute to complete the term, and the week of school needed to make up for an extra week of vacation at Thanksgiving was postponed until the spring term. When this change of teachers occurred, the highest class was transferred to the Grammar school, but for convenience in preparing the returns, its membership was continued in the lower school until the end of the term. This gives the Grammar school about thirty pupils, arranged in three nearly equal classes, and all are working harmoniously. The appearance of this school-room was much improved in the summer vacation by substituting for its badly marred desks and chairs the newer furniture no longer needed at the South school.

At the opening of the fall term the children of the South primary school became the happy occupants of the larger building, in which had been placed all of the movable property from the smaller building. This school ranks first in the number of pupils neither absent nor tardy during the winter term.

Jerusalem shows a decided gain in pupils, and the effect of this upon the school is excellent.

The school in the North district and the Cochesett grammar grade have been reduced in size by withdrawals of some of the older pupils for various causes. The Cochesett school has lost during the year quite a number by removal from town. It will receive a class from Miss Wood's room with the spring term.

Several of the younger pupils in Miss Wood's school have not attended during the winter, but here, as in the other cases of diminished numbers, the remaining pupils have had the advantage of more attention from the teachers.

At the North Centre school the highest class, containing some pupils that were out of school to labor in the summer

time, did good work for themselves and for the school, by their earnestness in study during the winter.

The East school still leads in membership, and to provide for the large number of pupils in attendance during the spring term, its special committee made an arrangement with Miss L. W. Copeland to assist Miss Frawley in the instruction of the younger children. Without this extra help the entering class, six in number, could have received but the briefest daily attention from the teacher. In a school of forty-four pupils, after deducting from the time of the half-day session, the time needed for recess and general exercises, there would be left but about *three* minutes for each pupil, if there should be an equal division of the time. By combining pupils in classes more time is obtained, but parents can see how small the share of each child must be, even with the utmost care on the part of the teacher.

That our teachers have performed their parts with zeal and fidelity, their respective schools clearly show; and, whatever the size of her school, each teacher finds that the work it offers is always in excess of the time allotted for its accomplishment.

Sickness has reduced the average attendance considerably, but perhaps no more than is usual. Other causes for absence are these :

Children may be out of school to assist in work at home; to labor for hire, if of sufficient age; for purposes of amusement; that clothing may be made or purchased; for lack of means to provide suitable clothing; because they wish to escape from the wholesome restraint of the school-room, and parental authority is not sufficient to compel attendance. When the last named evil results in habitual truancy it must be dealt with according to our statute laws.

Will all who send children to our schools carefully consider the causes here named, and earnestly co-operate with those in charge in their efforts to free the schools from such serious sources of evil? And will not these friends, with many others, by visits, frequent or occasional, establish a personal acquaintance with teachers and schools?

What individual in a community can escape from some responsibility in the moral education of the young? Our lives are daily read by the clear-searching eyes of childhood, and the standard of right-living that is gradually formed in the mind of each child must, of necessity, be largely determined by the characters of its friends and associates.

“The power of a virtuous life cannot be overestimated.”

Respectfully submitted.

MARTHA K. CROSBY.

1887—1888.

## Report of the Agent for School Supplies.

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The money furnished by the town for books and general school supplies has been expended as follows :

To William Ware & Co., readers and arithmetics,	\$42 10
Cowperthwait & Co., readers, histories and copy-books,	40 20
Harper & Bros., grammars, geographies and spelling blanks,	8 94
Warren P. Adams, readers,	2 00
Iverson, Blakeman & Co., readers and physiologies,	12 58
Adams & Ingraham, paper, pens, pencils, and various supplies,	40 06
Express, freight and postage,	4 12
Total,	<hr/> \$150 00
Inventory of stock on hand Jan. 31, 1887,	\$31 34
Amount drawn from town treasury,	150 00
	<hr/> \$181 34
Inventory of new stock on hand Jan. 31, 1888,	\$32 39
Supplies furnished schools,	148 95
	<hr/> \$181 34



## INVENTORY OF SUPPLIES ON HAND JAN. 31, 1888.

14 readers,	\$3 79
3 spellers,	45
3 geographies,	1 05
6 arithmetics,	2 10
9 1-3 doz. copy-books,	8 70
14 3-5 half reams paper,	5 40
2 1-2 doz. spelling blanks,	90

*Miscellaneous.*

Crayons, ink powders, pens, pencils, pen-holders and erasers,	10 00
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	\$32 39

The average number of pupils enrolled in the schools is 266.8 ; the cost of supplies furnished by the town has been \$148.95, or 55.8 cents per scholar.

The sterling virtue of economy must be practised in the purchase and distribution of school supplies to keep within the limits of the town's appropriation.

If the books used by the older pupils were owned by them, many homes would not be as destitute of a few convenient books for reference as they will be likely to be from the effect of the "free text-book law."

There can be no objection to parents taking advantage of the greatly reduced prices at which supplies are obtained by the town.

Respectfully submitted.

MARTHA K. CROSBY, *Agent.*



SCHOOLS.		Length in weeks.	Scholars enrolled.	Average member-ship.	Average attendance.	Not absent or tardy.	Over fifteen years.	Less than five years.	Wages per month.
SPRING TERM.	South Grammar . . . . .	11	13	12.2	10.3	1	0	0	\$40 00
	South Primary . . . . .	11	26	23.6	20.9	4	0	1	36 00
	Centre Grammar . . . . .	11	18	17.3	16.7	2	2	0	40 00
	Centre Primary . . . . .	11	28	27.3	25.3	2	0	0	36 00
	East . . . . .	11	44	41.6	37.1	4	0	2	40 00
	North . . . . .	11	22	19.6	17.8	0	0	0	40 00
	North Centre . . . . .	11	29	26.	22.6	2	0	2	40 00
	Cochesett Grammar . . . . .	11	26	23.6	21.	5	1	0	40 00
	Cochesett Primary . . . . .	11	26	23.2	19.5	3	0	0	36 00
	Jerusalem . . . . .	11	19	17.8	14.6	0	1	0	36 00
FALL TERM.	South Primary . . . . .	11	26	26.	22.9	2	0	1	36 00
	Centre Grammar . . . . .	11	21	20.1	18.1	0	1	0	40 00
	Centre Primary . . . . .	11	28	27.1	24.9	1	0	0	36 00
	East . . . . .	11	34	32.8	28.6	3	0	0	40 00
	Matfield . . . . .	6	25	24.6	23.9	11	1	0	40 00
	North . . . . .	10	19	17.4	15.6	0	0	0	40 00
	North Centre . . . . .	11	30	27.6	24.3	0	0	2	40 00
	Cochesett Grammar . . . . .	11	20	16.	14.2	1	1	0	40 00
	Cochesett Primary . . . . .	11	30	28.7	24.1	1	0	0	36 00
	Jerusalem . . . . .	11	19	18.	16.7	5	1	1	36 00
WINTER TERM.	South Primary . . . . .	10	26	21.3	19.3	8	0	0	36 00
	Centre Grammar . . . . .	10	25	24.5	22.5	1	1	0	40 00
	Centre Primary . . . . .	9	27	24.7	20.2	0	0	0	34 89
	East . . . . .	10	34	33.2	26.6	0	0	0	40 00
	Matfield . . . . .	11	26	25.7	23.9	4	1	0	40 00
	North . . . . .	11	18	16.9	14.8	0	0	0	40 00
	North Centre . . . . .	10	30	28.	22.8	5	0	2	40 00
	Cochesett Grammar . . . . .	10	17	15.1	13.5	3	1	0	40 00
	Cochesett Primary . . . . .	10	25	24.4	19.3	0	0	0	36 00
	Jerusalem . . . . .	10	18	16.2	12.1	1	1	0	36 00

## Town Clerk's Report.

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### *Marriages Recorded in West Bridgewater in 1887.*

- Jan. 1. George H. Perkins, of West Bridgewater, and Charlotte E. Wood, of Brockton.
- Jan. 27. Eugene Conlon and Margaret McCarthy, both of West Bridgewater.
- Feb. 8. Michael Ahearn, of West Bridgewater, and Mary Barrett, of East Bridgewater.
- Feb. 14. Thomas J. Monk, of North Weymouth, and Katie J. Shields, of West Bridgewater.
- April 9. George E. Horton and Mary F. Goddet, both of Brockton.
- April 12. Horace Alden Keith, of West Bridgewater, and Nellie White Packard, of Brockton.
- April 26. Edward J. Starr, of Connecticut, and Alice E. Dewyer, of West Bridgewater.
- June 15. Irving E. Wheeler and Ada W. Leach, both of West Bridgewater.
- June 23. Prescott T. Snell and Flora M. Vosmus, both of West Bridgewater.
- June 26. Michael Lynch, of West Bridgewater, and Nellie Cobbett, of Bridgewater.
- June 29. S. Ellis Ryder, of West Bridgewater, and Carrie E. Dean, of East Bridgewater.

- June 29. Charles Fred. Churchill, of West Bridgewater, and Lottie S. Bradford, of Duxbury.
- Aug. 7. Cyrus E. Alger and Minnie K. Gould, both of West Bridgewater.
- Aug. 28. David B. Robbins and Aurelia E. Ripley, both of West Bridgewater.
- Aug. 30. Willard V. Crosby and Elizabeth G. Sherick, both of West Bridgewater.
- Sept. 2. William P. Whitman, of East Bridgewater, and Lizzie W. Richards, of West Bridgewater.
- Sept. 15. Cyrus S. Graves, of Greenfield, and Hattie B. Gould, of West Bridgewater.
- Oct. 4. Hugh McEachren and Flora McKenzie, both of West Bridgewater.
- Oct. 10. Charles H. Morrison, of West Bridgewater, and Ella S. Holden, of Malden.
- Oct. 12. Willie H. Crockett and Christine Shaw, both of West Bridgewater.
- Oct. 17. Anson E. Cobbett and Mabel A. Graham, both of West Bridgewater.
- Oct. 20. Henry W. Bumpus and Helen E. Vaughn, both of West Bridgewater.
- Nov. 4. John Monson, of Brockton, and Anna Monson, of West Bridgewater.
- Nov. 24. Daniel Shea, of Rockland, and M. Alice Leonard, of West Bridgewater.
- Dec. 31. John Martin Richards, of West Bridgewater, and Sadie Hemans Soper, of East Bridgewater.

*Births Registered in West Bridgewater in 1887.*

Date.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Names of Parents.
January 21	Frank Eugene Leach	Male	Mary Ellen Leach.
" 21	Ida McIvor	Female	Flora McIvor.
February 21	Irving B. Penpraese	Male	William and Catherine Penpraese.
March 28	Lillian Packard	Female	Benj. F. and Mary A. Packard.
April 1	Margaret Foy	Female	William and Mary Foy.
" 6	Albert D. Winberg	Male	August and Vendla S. Winberg.
May 7	Fred. Howard Brooks	Male	Benj. F. and Alice H. Brooks.
" 20		Male	Alfonso J. and Lizzie S. Pillsbury.
July 2	Harold Howard Howland	Male	Frank L. and Carrie A. Howland.
" 7	Flora Williams Howard	Female	Clinton P. and Hattie Howard.
" 27	Mary Emily Atwell	Female	Horace and Mary B. Atwell.
" 29	Hilma Alice Fowler	Female	William A. and Addie J. Fowler.
August 11	Gladys May Burns	Female	William and Lydia H. Burns.
" 17		Male	Julius L. and Ida Hayward.
September 27	Wilton Copeland	Male	Lyman E. and Louise F. Copeland.
November 8	Eugene Wilson Coulon	Male	Eugene and Maggie M. Conlon.
December 1	Luther D. Blood	Male	Ernest L. and Maggie D. Blood.
" 2	Marilla G. Cole	Female	Ivory A. and Mary L. Cole.
" 17		Female	Irwin A. and Mabel A. Staples.
" 26	Arthur H. Horton	Male	George E. and Mary G. Horton.
" 30	Ralph Bennett	Male	Rufus C. and Carrie C. Bennett.

*Deaths Registered in West Bridgewater in 1887.*

Date.	Name of Deceased.	Y.	M.	D.	Place of Birth.	Disease or Cause of Death.	Names of Parents.
Jan. 7	George L. Howard.	59	10	24	West Bridgewater.	Endocarditis.	Amasa and Sarah Howard.
" 15	Nancy F. Packard.	80	7	14	Scituate.	Catarrhal Pneumonia.	Peleg and Mercy Ford.
" 24	David L. Winberg.	1	9	24	West Bridgewater.	Pneumonia.	August and Vendla Winberg.
" 29	Emma J. Morse.	18	1	1	West Bridgewater.	Pulmonary Phthisis.	Joseph and Mary Morse.
Mar. 12	Julia G. Leach.	66	6	9	West Bridgewater.	Abdominal Dropsy.	Ambrose and Hannah Leach.
Apr. 11	Ida M. Hewett.	28	1	10	Easton.	Phthisis.	Amos and Sally Hewett.
" 14	Frank W. Curtis.		3		Hollbrook.	Pneumonia.	Wilber and Minnie Curtis.
" 20	Thomas Kent.	2	8	21	West Bridgewater.	Meningitis.	Philip and Margaret Kent.
" 26	Sarah E. Bennett.				Tiverton, R. I.	Bright's Disease.	T. H. and Lucy Borden.
" 27	Merton L. Simmons.	36				Bronchial Catarrh.	
May 16	William Atwood Nute.	1	1	17	West Bridgewater.	Whooping Cough.	Clarence and Eveline Nute.
July 1	Not named.		1	10	West Bridgewater.	Acute Bronchitis.	A. J. and Lizzie Pillsbury.
Aug. 4	Timothy Linnahan.	70	4	2	Ireland.	Mitral Insufficiency.	Cornelius and Mary Linnahan.
Aug. 7	William B. Farwell.	42	10	16	Waterford, Vt.	Cancer of Stomach.	Jeriel and Mary Farwell.
" 10	Lillian Packard.		4	13	West Bridgewater.	Phthisis.	Benj. F. and Mary Packard.
" 16	Ethelbert Vosmus.	19	2		West Bridgewater.	Phthisis.	Foster and Sarah B. Vosmus.
" 24	Harriet M. Ross.	71	4	1	Brimfield.	Gastric Catarrh.	Jessie and Medea Miller.
" 30	Nahum P. Snell.	64		26	Maine.	Paralysis of Brain.	Nahum and Betsey Snell.
Sept. 3	Tilson Gardner.	84	1	1	Rockland.	Old Age.	Noah and Patience Gardner.
" 6	Rodney M. Hopkins.				West Bridgewater.	Cholera Infantum.	George G. and Etta R. Hopkins.
" 18	Gladys May Burns.		2	7	West Bridgewater.	Marasmus.	William and Lydia Burns.
Oct. 5	Margaret Kent.	41	7		Ireland.	Phthisis.	Patriek and Margaret Whalen.
" 22	Bathsheba H. Alger.	74	9	22	West Bridgewater.	Paralysis.	Spencer and Bathsheba Lothrop.
Nov. 13	Frederie D. Baker.	3		28	West Bridgewater.	Membranous Croup.	Fred H. and May B. Baker.
Dec. 3	George F. Fadden.	23	6	9	West Bridgewater.	Cerebral Degeneration	James and Abigail Fadden.
" 6	Susie K. Washburn.	22	3	13	West Bridgewater.	Phthisis.	Abiel and Abbie Washburn.
" 10	Sylvia L. Richards.	78	4	7	Mansfield.	Paralysis.	William and Rachel Grover.
" 14	Eben Taylor.	83	3	20	Marshfield.	Mitral Insufficiency.	Eben and Hulda Taylor.



## Report of the Public Library.

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The additions of bound volumes to the library for the year ended December 31, 1887, have been 261, making the whole number 2,914.

The circulation of books shows an increase over the preceding year of over 17 per cent. ; divided among the several classes as follows, viz. :—

Agriculture,	42
Art,	59
Biography,	570
Fiction,	2,488
General Literature,	314
History,	854
Humorous Works,	90
Juvenile Works,	801
Magazines,	1,436
Poetry,	402
Works of Reference,	153
Religion and Theology,	8
Science,	233
Travels,	159
Total,	7,609

Average daily distribution, 141.



## COST OF MAINTAINING THE LIBRARY.

The receipts and expenses for the year have been as follows,  
viz. :

*Receipts.*

From town treasurer,	\$238 81	
fines, sales of catalogues and cards,	16 76	
Mrs. Chas. Reed, binding magazines,	3 00	
Miss E. Kingman, books,	2 01	
Ellis LeLacheur, press board,	15	
Miss Littlefield, press board,	36	
Net profit of fair,	267 68	
	<hr/>	\$528 77

*Expenses.*

Paid Estes & Lauriat,	\$171 55	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	15 00	
Librarian's salary,	104 36	
Oil, express, stationery, postage, etc.,	11 44	
Magazines,	42 16	
S. L. Ryder, shelving,	9 32	
Bound volumes Scientific American,	3 75	
Good Housekeeping,	1 53	
"Cruise of the Brooklyn,"	3 00	
Press board,	1 65	
Shoppell's Houses,	1 58	
C. P. Howard, wood,	2 00	
Scribner's Magazine,	80	
Balance in hands of undersigned,	160 63	
	<hr/>	\$528 77

NOTE.—In the statement of receipts and expenses of the fair posted in the library, the net profit is shown as \$276.01, but since that account was made up 25 cents has been received and \$8.58 paid out, making the balance as given above.

The library committee gratefully return thanks for the cordial and generous aid given by the friends of the library to the fair held Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, and trust that if the needs of the institution necessitate another appeal for assistance it may be received with equal favor.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES R. PACKARD.

# TOWN MEETING.

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PLYMOUTH, SS.

*To any Constable of the Town of West Bridgewater, in the  
County of Plymouth,* GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote at Elections and in Town Affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, in said town, on

*Monday, the 5th Day of March,*

at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:—

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2.—To hear the Annual Reports of Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3.—To choose all necessary Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4.—To determine in what manner the Town will cause its highways and bridges to be repaired the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5.—To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to widen, straighten and relocate Crescent Street, from or near the corner of Samuel H. Pittsley's lot on said street; thence across the railroad crossing to Dr. Swan's farm barn. [By Request.]

ARTICLE 6.—To act on the list of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 7.—To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money, in anticipation of taxes, to pay charges against the town.

ARTICLE 8.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

ARTICLE 9.—To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to sell the South Primary School-house.

ARTICLE 10.—To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to elect a superintendent of schools.

ARTICLE 11.—To see if the Town will raise one hundred dollars (\$100) for public lectures.

ARTICLE 12.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) for memorial services on Memorial Day. [By Request.]

ARTICLE 13.—To bring in their votes, “Yes,” or “No,” on the following question : “Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?”

ARTICLE 14.—To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting.

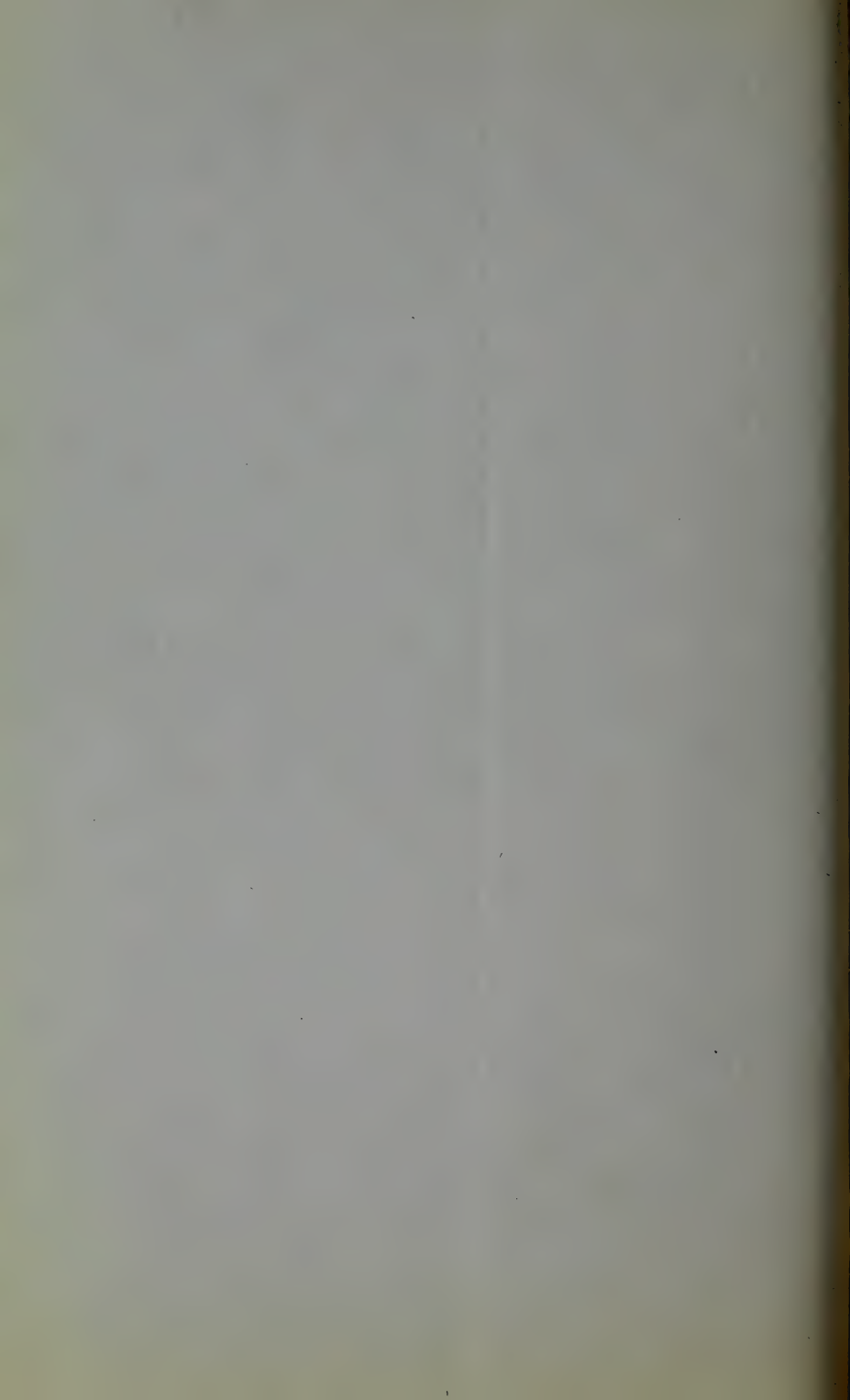
And you are directed to serve this Warrant according to the vote of said town, seven days, at least, before the time appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at or before the time appointed for the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, at said West Bridgewater, this twenty-first day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

HENRY COPELAND,	}	<i>Selectmen of West Bridgewater.</i>
HORACE W. HOWARD,		
JOSEPH A. SHORES,		







ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

AND

COMMITTEES

OF

WEST BRIDGEWATER

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1889.



BROCKTON:

G. A. GOODALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.  
1889.

## TOWN OFFICERS.

### *Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.*

HENRY COPELAND,            HORACE W. HOWARD,            JOSEPH A. SHORES.

### *Town Clerk.*

BENJAMIN B. HOWARD.

### *Collector and Treasurer.*

CHARLES E. TISDALE.

### *School Committee.*

MRS. M. K. CROSBY,            CHAS. T. HOWARD,            MRS. H. J. LELACHEUR,  
FRANK TISDALE,            J. A. SHORES,            BENJAMIN PERKINS.

### *Trustees of Public Library.*

CHARLES R. PACKARD,            MRS. HENRY COPELAND,            WILLIAM BROWN,  
MISS ELIZABETH KINGMAN,            MISS EDITH F. HOWARD,            J. A. SHORES.

### *Surveyors of Highways.*

HORACE BARTLETT,            JOHN CASHMAN,            GEO. W. HOWARD,  
EDWARD TISDALE,            WARREN R. KEITH,            J. Q. HARTWELL,  
WM. F. RYDER.

### *Constables.*

THOS. MARMION,            J. A. PERKINS,            ELLIS R. HOLBROOK.

### *Field Drivers.*

JONAS HARTWELL,            CYRUS E. ALGER.

### *Fence Viewers.*

S. N. HOWARD,            JAMES HOWARD,            R. C. BENNETT,            CHAS. BACON.

### *Measurers of Lumber.*

C. W. PACKARD,            CURTIS EDDY,            S. L. RYDER,            CHAS. DUNBAR,  
DAVIS COPELAND,            P. K. BACON.

### *Sealer of Weights and Measures.*

THOMAS MARMION.

### *Measurers of Wood and Bark.*

WILLARD HOWARD,            L. A. FLAGG.

### *Registrars.*

JAMES A. FORBES,            LUCIUS DUNBAR,            F. E. HOWARD.

### *Auditors.*

CHAS. R. PACKARD,            FRANK COPELAND,            JAMES HOWARD.

# Annual Report of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

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The following report of the financial condition of the town  
Feb. 1, 1889, is respectfully submitted :

## REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

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### VALUATION.

*As Assessed May 1, 1888.*

Value of real estate,	\$811,779 00
Value of personal estate,	157,810 00
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Total,	\$969,589 00

### ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	\$1,237 50	
County tax,	1,107 01	
	<hr/>	\$2,344 51
Town grant,	\$12,370 00	
Overlay,	290 59	
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Total tax,		\$15,005 10

Rate of tax, \$14.50 per \$1,000. Poll tax, — males, \$2.00 ; females, 50c.

Number of polls,	469
females,	4
acres of land,	9,822
dwelling houses,	382
horses,	355
cows,	613
sheep,	35
swine,	85
young stock,	136

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

For support of schools,	\$3,500 00
school supplies and repairs,	450 00
repairs of highways,	2,000 00
support of poor,	1,400 00
town officers,	700 00
incidentals,	700 00
public lectures,	100 00
Matfield road,	500 00
Swamp road,	300 00
repairs at almshouse,	150 00
memorial services,	50 00
interest on town debt,	320 00
paying town debt,	2,000 00
Crescent Street,	200 00
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	\$12,370 00

## TOWN PROPERTY.

Valuation of town farm,	\$4,100 00
personal property,	1,740 95
ten school-houses,	13,000 00
town library,	2,500 00
derrick,	100 00
road scraper,	150 00

HENRY COPELAND,  
HORACE W. HOWARD,  
JOS. A. SHORES,

*Assessors.*

# REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

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## INVENTORY AT ALMSHOUSE, FEB. 1, 1889.

8 tons English hay,	\$152 00
5 tons meadow hay,	50 00
oat and rye fodder,	14 00
corn fodder,	5 00
shorts and meal,	9 00
109 baskets corn,	38 15
2 bushels beans,	4 00
10 cows,	350 00
1 horse,	100 00
6 swine,	48 00
80 fowls,	60 00
5 ducks,	5 00
128 bushels potatoes,	89 60
40 bushels small potatoes,	10 00
25 bushels beets,	8 00
27 bushels turnips,	8 00
160 pounds pork,	14 40
80 pounds ham,	8 00
28 pounds lard,	2 80
5 pounds butter,	1 50
5 dozen eggs,	1 00
flour,	6 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$984 45



<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$984 45
groceries,	6 00
4 pork barrels,	1 50
8 stoves,	50 00
household furniture,	60 00
tin ware,	10 00
crockery ware,	30 00
3 churns,	8 00
wooden ware,	12 00
beds and bedding,	85 00
table linen and towels,	12 00
hay wagon,	35 00
covered wagon,	80 00
2 tip carts,	60 00
pung,	15 00
cart harness,	8 00
2 harnesses,	11 00
4 ox yokes,	12 00
robes and blankets,	9 00
mowing machine and rake,	55 00
farming tools,	80 00
sled and wheelbarrow,	9 00
hay cutter,	4 00
scraps,	2 00
coal,	2 00
manure,	100 00
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	\$1,740 95

## RECEIPTS AT ALMSHOUSE.

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1888,	\$41 64
Milk sold,	806 98
Stock sold,	316 40
Vegetables sold,	5 00
Onions sold,	69 91
Potatoes sold,	106 90
Poultry sold,	96 20
Eggs sold,	99 27
Labor off farm,	22 50
Pork sold,	78 54
Beans sold,	3 51
Wood sold,	12 50
Pigs,	20 00
Lumber,	16 50
Apples,	5 00
Flour,	2 64
Calves,	5 00
Board from Wrentham,	28 85
Drawn from treasury to pay warden's salary,	391 67
Drawn from treasury to balance almshouse account,	7 42
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	\$2,136 43

## EXPENDITURES AT ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for flour,	\$48 65
meat,	64 92
fish,	21 13
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$134 70

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$134 70
Paid for boots and shoes,	8 75
hardware,	4 03
grass and garden seeds,	15 41
seed potatoes,	7 60
blacksmithing,	10 00
butchering,	6 00
clothing,	29 83
scap,	8 40
medicine,	2 74
snuff and tobacco,	8 19
salt,	5 56
repairs,	20 90
seed barley,	4 50
use of stock,	6 00
fertilizer,	39 80
labor on farm and in house,	196 00
doctor's bill,	5 75
eggs,	1 69
stock,	438 00
groceries,	151 21
grain,	540 41
coal,	6 75
house furnishings,	11 09
farming tools,	18 87
car fare and horse keeping,	8 11
oil,	6 54
wheat and shells for hens,	22 60
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,719 43

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,719 43
Paid for veterinary,	3 00
sundries,	7 83
casket and robe for Cecil Morse,	14 50
warden's salary,	391 67
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	\$2,136 43

#### COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR AT ALMSHOUSE.

Drawn from treasury to balance account,	\$7 42
Drawn from treasury for warden's salary,	391 67
Depreciation in inventory from Feb. 1, 1888, to Feb. 1, 1889,	324 75
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	\$723 84

#### INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Michael Ryan,	Age 40	52 weeks.
Albert Staples,	" 46	52 "
Mary Rogers,	" 33	4 "
Ann Flynn,	" 79	52 "
Abby Fadden,	" 60	27 "
Conn Sullivan,	" 54	9 "
George Randall,	" 62	4 "
Wm. B. Smith,	—	2 "

The warden with the hearse has attended seven funerals.

The warden during the year has lodged and fed 51 tramps.

## EXPENSE OF POOR OUT OF THE HOUSE.

Aid to Frank Fadden's children,	\$165 00
Fred Leonard,	114 00
Anson Cobbet's family,	66 32
George Randall,	7 00
Esrom Morse (clothing),	15 00
Paid Easton burial Samuel Packard,	6 50
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board Frank Fadden,	134 63
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board Thomas Clancy,	198 25
Aid to Nathaniel Pratt,	123 50
Wm. Foye's family,	9 25
C. H. Hall,	43 20
Horton family,	16 38
Callahan family,	4 00
Burial Geo. Young,	13 50
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	\$916 53
Due from Plympton,	\$123 50
Rehoboth,	16 38
State,	9 25
Middleboro,	13 50
Plymouth,	43 20
Dedham,	4 00
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	209 83
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Total expense of poor out of the house,	\$706 70
Total expense of poor in and out of house,	1,430 54
Due from Middleboro, bill for 1887,	2 00
Due from State, bill for 1887,	4 00

HENRY COPELAND,  
HORACE W. HOWARD,  
JOS. A. SHORES,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

## INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,		\$700 00
C. E. Tisdale, printing and postage,	\$3 00	
S. D. Simpson & Son, bridge irons and nails,	3 85	
F. W. Howard, care of cemetery,	3 00	
L. A. Flagg, gravel screen,	7 50	
A. A. Packard, fighting fire,	2 25	
C. P. Howard, rent town hall,	75 00	
E. B. Wilber, gravel,	5 60	
Lucius Hayward, gravel,	50 00	
Thomas Hennessey, gravel,	5 00	
E. H. Lothrop, gravel,	2 75	
James O. Alger, cinders,	20 83	
Daniel Perkins, office rent,	18 00	
C. P. Howard, repairing Pine Hill Bridge,	2 25	
C. P. Howard, cedar poles,	3 75	
E. B. Wilber, repairs for road scraper,	34 70	
J. E. Carr, tile,	11 90	
James Howard, surveying,	1 50	
E. B. Hayward, surveying,	15 00	
R. O. Harris, counsel,	20 00	
Chas. R. Packard, administering oaths, and postage,	2 37	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$288 25	\$700 00



<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$288 25	\$700 00
Thomas Grover & Co., assessors' and collectors' books,	3 00	
Wm. L. Puffer, printing postal cards and tax receipts,	8 25	
D. W. Gardner, horse hire,	4 50	
George Hunt, return of births,	1 75	
McCann Bros., return of deaths,	2 00	
Howard & Clark, return of deaths,	3 25	
Wm. H. Tobey, return of deaths,	1 75	
Alger & Co.'s express,	4 60	
G. R. Drake, care of monument and grounds,	5 00	
G. A. Goodall, printing,	123 50	
Wm. H. Jennings, making out State aid papers,	2 50	
J. E. Ryder, gravel,	16 40	
H. W. Howard, cash expense, wood and use of team,	8 77	
J. A. Shores, cash expense and use of team,	10 75	
Henry Copeland, cash expense and use of team,	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$508 27
Balance,		<hr/> \$191 73

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

District No. 1. Appropriation, \$300 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by  
Horace Bartlett, surveyor :

To Horace Bartlett,	\$121 42	
John Copeland,	2 25	
Charles Howard,	29 85	
Clinton P. Howard,	8 00	
F. J. Hambley	3 00	
E. B. Wilber,	11 25	
John Shipman,	6 00	
Edgar Billings,	14 10	
J. C. Howard,	66 03	
Elihu Leonard,	19 40	
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	\$281 30	
Paid to E. B. Wilber, bill for 1887,	2 70	
	<hr/>	\$284 00
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Balance,		\$16 00

District No. 2. Appropriation,	\$300 00
Appropriation for Crescent Street,	200 00
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	\$500 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by  
Edward Tisdale, surveyor :

To Edward Tisdale,	\$101 31	
John Fallon,	95 55	
William Penpraise,	91 65	
Nathan F. Dunbar,	89 50	
William Bismore,	43 80	
James Shaw,	38 25	
George H. Fletcher,	28 50	
E. A. Cole,	25 95	
John L. Pittsley,	19 50	
James Washburn,	14 00	
John Callahan,	12 00	
Phillip Fay,	7 50	
Wm. H. Crockett,	9 00	
L. A. Flagg,	28 85	
Cyrus Alger,	21 00	
H. W. Howard,	35 10	
Wm. E. Cole,	6 12	
Oren W. Cobbett,	4 50	
S. B. Corliss,	6 80	
John Shipman,	9 75	
W. C. Howard,	5 31	
F. J. Vosmus,	1 65	
W. A. Cole,	2 35	
S. W. Hersey,	19 87	
C. Wesley Packard,	4 68	
J. H. Adams,	2 50	
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	\$724 99	
Paid J. L. Pittsley's bill for 1887, approved		
by L. A. Flagg,	1 20	
	<hr/>	\$726 19
Overdrawn,		<hr/>
		\$226 19

District No. 3. Appropriation, \$300 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by  
Wm. F. Ryder, surveyor :

To Wm. F. Ryder,	\$86 62	
Charles C. Thayer,	8 55	
Horace Bartlett,	9 00	
John L. Hayward,	24 94	
John O'Hearn,	21 90	
William O'Brien,	8 70	
Owen King,	9 00	
James McAnaugb,	35 60	
E. B. Wilber,	56 85	
Erland Thayer,	29 94	
	<hr/>	\$291 10
Balance,		<hr/> \$8 90

District No. 4. Appropriation, \$250 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by  
Warren R. Keith, surveyor :

To W. R. Keith,	\$173 85	
H. S. Keith,	1 50	
W. C. Kinney,	6 00	
S. G. Copeland,	5 25	
Prescott Snell,	3 60	
Willard Howard,	30 00	
J. C. Keith,	4 50	
Henry Copeland,	24 25	
	<hr/>	248 95
Balance,		<hr/> \$1 05

District No. 5. Appropriation, \$300 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by  
John Cashman, surveyor :

To John Cashman,	\$163 20	
Patrick Cashion,	20 70	
Lawrence O'Leary,	6 00	
Edward Madden, 2d,	2 25	
Horace Bartlett,	6 75	
E. B. Wilber,	6 75	
Henry Withington,	2 25	
J. F. Ames,	3 00	
Hugh Gormley,	10 50	
R. C. Bennett,	20 10	
John Luddy,	8 40	
Otis Pillsbury,	1 25	
Edward Madden, 1st,	12 00	
J. J. Cashman,	16 50	
Mace Tisdale,	1 50	
	<hr/>	281 15
Balance,		<hr/> \$18 85

District No. 6. Appropriation, \$300 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by  
Geo. W. Howard, surveyor :

To Geo. W. Howard,	\$150 25	
H. W. Howard,	40 28	
Cyrus Alger,	42 30	
A. L. Alger,	42 00	
M. A. Packard,	6 30	
W. H. Howard,	15 08	
	<hr/>	296 21
Balance,		<hr/> \$3 79

District No. 7. Appropriation, \$250 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by  
J. Q. Hartwell, surveyor :

To J. Q. Hartwell,	\$50	00
Michael Egan,	25	50
L. E. Hayward,	15	55
L. E. & E. Copeland,	59	50
Timothy Carroll,	16	50
H. W. Howard,	30	00
C. S. Jackson,	38	25
W. H. Wilson,	12	75
	\$248	05
Paid L. E. & E. Copeland's bill of 1887,	7	65
		255 70
Overdrawn,		\$5 70

Appropriation for Swamp Road, \$300 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by  
Warren R. Keith :

To Warren R. Keith,	\$194	70
J. C. Keith,	22	50
Henry Copeland,	28	75
James Powers,	22	50
Willard Howard,	28	50
	296	95
Balance,		\$3 05



Matfield Road. Appropriation,		\$500 00
Paid E. B. Wilber,	\$103 50	
James McAnagh,	33 00	
Michael Morrison,	6 00	
Andrew Dailey,	11 25	
Waldo Hayward,	13 50	
L. H. Hayward,	9 00	
Albert Bates,	4 50	
Owen King,	21 00	
John Callahan,	21 00	
Michael McCarty,	21 00	
John Perry,	16 50	
Marron Morey,	16 50	
Michael Jennings,	16 20	
John Donahue,	16 20	
Michael Swift,	13 50	
E. P. Dunbar,	54 00	
W. F. Ryder,	74 27	
S. D. Shaw, for four shovels,	2 80	
George Tyler & Co., drain pipe,	40 80	
J. A. Shores, drain pipe,	88	
Old Colony Railroad, freight,	3 60	
E. P. Dunbar, printing,	1 00	
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Appropriation for memorial services,	\$50 00
There has been paid upon bills rendered by C. T. Williams,	49 95

Appropriation for repairs at Almshouse,		\$150 00
Paid for lumber,	\$66 13	
hardware,	17 95	
labor,	43 22	
	<hr/>	127 30
Balance,		<hr/> \$22 70

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SCHOOLS.

Appropriation for 1888,	\$3,500 00
State school fund,	363 42
Appropriation for school repairs and supplies,	450 00
	<hr/> \$4,313 42

There has been drawn from the treasury		
for the support of schools,	\$3,785 55	
For repairs, .	260 94	
For supplies,	150 00	
	<hr/>	4,196 49
Balance,		<hr/> \$116 93

## STATE AID.

Paid the following persons, under Chapter 1301, Acts 1879 :

James P. Gallagher,	\$72 00
Charles T. Morse,	61 50
Patrick Dorgan,	72 00
Lucius Dunbar,	72 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$277 50

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$277 50	
William A. Linehan,	72 00	
Benj. F. Phillips,	36 00	
Charles E. Churchill,	72 00	
John A. Millet,	51 00	
Ellis R. Holbrook,	36 00	
William Crockett,	48 00	
Andrew W. Perkins,	36 00	
James H. Leonard,	72 00	
Charles E. Miller,	48 00	
William H. Jennings,	72 00	
William T. Britton,	30 00	
Geo. M. Blanchard,	25 50	
Mary E. Howard,	48 00	
Elizabeth O. Packard,	48 00	
Lucinda S. Lothrop,	24 00	
Mary J. Reeves,	48 00	
Eliza F. Richardson,	48 00	
Mary E. Alger,	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,140 00

## MILITARY AID.

Under Chapter 252, Acts 1879.

David W. Tinkham,	\$72 00	
Isaac H. Bates,	72 00	
George B. Randall,	30 00	
Linus E. Hayward,	96 00	
James Jacobs,	18 00	
	<hr/>	288 00
Total amount paid for State and military aid,		<hr/> \$1,428 00

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation,		\$700 00
Edward Tisdale, auditor,	\$1 00	
Wm. F. Ryder, auditor,	1 00	
Charles E. Tisdale, treasurer,	200 00	
Wm. H. Jennings, moderator,	5 00	
D. W. Gardner, constable,	8 00	
Thos. J. Marmion, constable,	2 00	
C. C. Thayer, committee,	1 00	
J. A. Fobes, registrar,	4 00	
Lucius Dunbar, registrar,	5 00	
F. S. Tisdale, school committee,	4 00	
Benjamin Perkins, school committee,	9 50	
B. B. Howard, town clerk,	81 64	
Martha K. Crosby, supt. of schools,	135 00	
Ellis R. Holbrook, constable,	7 20	
Henry Copeland, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	173 00	
Joseph A. Shores, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	153 75	
Horace W. Howard, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	133 80	
J. A. Perkins, constable,	2 00	
	<hr/>	926 89
Overdrawn,		<hr/> \$226 89

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury February 1, 1888,	\$2,417 32
E. B. Wilber, auctioneer's license,	2 00
Town of Rehoboth,	25 00
Borrowed from Brockton Savings Bank,	2,000 00
Balance of Corporation tax,	104 55
Town of Plympton,	122 50
George Silvia, pedler's license,	6 00
Borrowed of F. J. Vosmus,	1,000 00
Borrowed of Henry Copeland,	600 00
S. N. Howard, auctioneer's license,	2 00
Borrowed of Frank Dunbar,	1,000 00
Tax bills for 1888,	15,017 74
Corporation tax,	670 81
National Bank tax,	485 57
State aid, Chap. 1301,	999 00
Military, aid Chap. 252,	214 00
Dog fund,	300 71
Income of school fund,	209 24
Revenue of school fund,	\$154 22
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	\$25,330 66

## EXPENDITURES OF TREASURY.

Six months' interest on loan,	\$160 00
F. J. Vosmus, note and interest,	1,020 00
Henry Copeland, note and interest,	612 00
Six per cent. discount on taxes paid on or before October 15,	769 74
Frank Dunbar, note and interest,	1,010 00
Brockton Savings Bank, two notes and interest,	2,040 00
Six months' interest on loan,	120 00
County tax,	1,107 01
State tax,	1,237 50
Brockton Savings Bank, note and interest,	2,072 79
Town farm,	419 34
Town officers,	926 89
Schools,	3,785 55
School repairs,	260 94
School supplies,	150 00
Lectures,	100 00
Library,	270 58
Poor out of house,	916 53
Highways,	2,183 30
Incidentals,	508 27
Swamp Road,	296 95
Crescent Street appropriation,	200 00
Memorial service,	49 95
Matfield Road,	500 00
Abatement,	225 72
Almshouse repairs,	127 30
State aid,	1,140 00
Military aid,	288 00
Cash and uncollected taxes,	2,832 30
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	\$25,330 66



## CONDITION OF THE TREASURY FEB. 1, 1889.

Cash on hand,	\$800 54
Uncollected taxes, 1886,	50 23
“ “ 1887,	411 85
“ “ 1888,	1,569 68
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	\$2,832 30

## OUTSTANDING NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

Loaned from Brockton Savings Bank, \$2,000, payable Nov. 1, 1889.

Loaned from Brockton Savings Bank, \$2,000, payable Nov. 1, 1890.

Loaned from Brockton Savings Bank, \$2,000, payable Nov. 1, 1891.

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We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of West Bridgewater for the year ending Feb. 1, 1889, and have found them properly cast and vouched for.

CHAS. R. PACKARD,  
FRANK COPELAND,

*Auditors.*

## NAMES OF JURORS

For acceptance or revision by the town at its annual meeting :

Cyrus Alger,	Henry W. Leach,
Bradford Copeland.	Clinton P. Howard,
Frank Copeland,	George H. Knapp,
Horace Bartlett,	Henry Copeland,
Edward H. Keith,	E. B. Wilber,
John A. Millet,	F. E. Howard,
Myron Packard,	Prescott T. Snell,
Japhet Packard,	William F. Ryder,
Herbert A. Millet,	Jonas Hartwell,
Curtis Eddy,	Abial Washburn,
Ira Pratt,	L. A. Flag,
William Shipman,	Fred. H. Washburn,
Horace W. Howard,	Davis Copeland,
Charles C. Thayer,	Julius Hayward,
Charles R. Packard,	George R. Drake,
Almond Rounds,	M. A. Ripley,
George W. Howard,	Geo. C. Howard,
Seba H. Marshall,	Wm. H. Jennings,
Chas. T. Williams.	Henry J. Le Lacheur.

## NAMES OF JURORS DRAWN IN 1888.

James A. Fobes,	L. A. Tower,
Joseph Vosmus,	Frank M. Hayward,
Chas. E. Tisdale.	

## WE RECOMMEND THE TOWN TO APPROPRIATE :

For support of poor,	\$1,500 00
support of schools,	3,500 00
school repairs and supplies,	450 00
highway repairs,	2,000 00
town officers,	800 00
incidentals,	700 00
public lectures,	100 00
building road at Matfield as laid out by County	
Commissioners,	500 00
paying town debt,	2,000 00
interest on town debt,	240 00

The next annual town meeting will be held on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1889.

HENRY COPELAND,  
HORACE W. HOWARD,  
JOS. A. SHORES,

*Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.*

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In obedience to the instructions of the town, the undersigned have examined the accounts of all town officers for the year ending Jan. 31, 1889.

We find all orders drawn by the selectmen properly vouched by receipted bills, with the following exceptions: Orders 617 to 634 inclusive, amounting to \$754.20 have been drawn, given

to the treasurer, and appear on his book as having been paid, while in reality the money is still in his possession, and is being held to pay the salaries of school teachers and janitors to the end of the school year. .

In the highway department we find that in all the districts, except No. 2, the bills of persons employed on the roads have been approved by the surveyors and payments made directly to the men who did the work. In district No. 2, the whole amount due has been drawn by the surveyor, and by him paid out to the parties doing the work.

The special appropriation of \$200 for Crescent Street, to be expended under the direction of the selectmen, we find has been overdrawn, \$227.59.

CHAS. R. PACKARD,  
FRANK COPELAND,

*Auditing Committee.*

## Report of the School Committee.

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At the beginning of the school year of 1888-89 the following were members of the committee :

F. S. TISDALE and C. T. HOWARD, for three years.

MRS. A. S. LELACHEUR and B. PERKINS, for two years.

J. A. SHORES and MRS. M. K. CROSBY, for one year.

The organization for the year was as follows :

J. A. SHORES, Chairman. M. K. CROSBY, Secretary.

F. S. TISDALE and B. PERKINS, Committee on Repairs.

B. PERKINS and C. T. HOWARD, Truant Officers.

The schools were assigned as follows :

North and North Centre to Mr. Perkins.

Cochesett to Mr. Tisdale.

Centre to Mrs. LeLacheur.

South to Mr. Shores.

East and Matfield to Mrs. Crosby.

Jerusalem to Mr. Howard.

There were no changes in the teachers of the previous year, except those occasioned by the transfer of Miss Ellis to the Centre Primary school, and the appointment of Miss Keith at the North school.

There are no outstanding school bills.

The teachers' account contains one month properly belonging to the year of 1887-8, as the delay in opening the new school brought the close of the winter term into this year.

The janitors' department includes two bills unpaid in 1887-8, and the fuel bills for the East and Matfield schools are for two years.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

### TEACHERS' DEPARTMENT.

Paid Miss S. L. Waldron, 11 weeks,	\$99 00
Miss L. W. Copeland, 24 weeks,	210 30
Miss I. S. Wood, 35 weeks,	315 00
Miss M. A. Tisdale, 35 weeks,	350 00
Miss C. F. Ellis, 1 week,	9 00
Miss C. C. Brown, 35 weeks,	309 50
Miss A. K. Littlefield, 12 weeks,	120 00
Miss M. F. Hanscom, 23 weeks,	230 00
Miss W. A. Holmes, 35 weeks,	315 00
Miss M. A. Dewyre, 39 weeks,	390 00
Miss A. A. Frawley, 35 weeks,	350 00
Miss M. C. Keith, 16 weeks,	144 00
Miss I. C. Wyman, 19 weeks,	171 00
Mrs. Toothaker, 35 weeks,	350 00

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### JANITORS' DEPARTMENT.

Paid G. Winburg,	\$10 00
M. Olson,	11 00
L. Adams,	5 00
J. Penpraese,	17 00
C. Connor,	24 00
W. A. Holmes,	12 00
G. J. Kingman,	12 00
T. Clifford,	10 00
Matfield janitors,	9 00
North janitors,	11 00
North Centre janitors,	12 00

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\$133 00



## FUEL DEPARTMENT.

Paid L. E. Howard, labor on wood,	\$3 75
F. Gillespie, 4 cords hard wood,	20 00
“ 1 cord pine wood,	4 00
C. T. Howard, 1 cord hard wood,	5 00
“ 1-2 cord pine wood,	2 25
“ labor on fuel,	2 00
W. Penpraese, labor on wood,	10 00
E. T. Snell, 6 3-4 cords oak wood,	33 75
“ 2 3-4 cords pine wood,	11 00
O. King, labor on wood,	28 50
H. W. Howard, 1 cord maple wood,	4 50
L. A. Flagg, 1 cord maple wood,	6 00
J. E. Ryder, 11 1-2 cords hard wood,	57 50
“ 2 cords pine wood,	8 00
W. F. Ryder, 1 cord hard wood,	5 00
M. K. Crosby, 2 cords pine wood,	8 00
F. W. Kingman, labor on wood,	16 50
L. E. & E. Copeland, 1 cord hard wood, and labor,	6 50
Willard Howard, 3 cords oak wood, and labor,	21 00
Davis Copeland, 3 cords hard wood, 1 1-4 cords pine wood, and labor,	29 75
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	\$283 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages,	\$3,362 80
Fuel,	283 00
Janitors,	133 00
Balance,	84 62
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	\$3,863 42

## RECEIPTS.

Town grant,	\$3,500 00
Income of Mass. school fund,	209 20
“ “ revenue,	154 22
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	\$3,863 42

## DEPARTMENT OF REPAIRS.

*Jerusalem.*

Paid William H. Tobey, bureau,	\$4 00
Gurney Bros., repairs on clock,	1 00
C. P. Hilstrum, stock and labor,	2 05
for cleaning house,	5 00
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	\$12 05

*Cochesett.*

Paid Wm. A. Cole, labor and stock,	\$7 97
for cleaning building,	6 00
for repairs and furnishings,	85
L. A. Flagg, repairs on pump,	2 00
John A. Penpraese, labor on lot,	1 75
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	\$18 57

*Centre.*

Paid William H. Tobey, bureau,	\$4 00
William A. Cole, labor on fence and buildings,	47 30
“ stock and materials,	56 99
for labor in yard,	1 00
for cleaning buildings,	6 77
for small repairs and furnishings,	7 56
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	\$123 62

*South.*

Paid for labor and materials,	\$6 69
E. B. Wilber, sand and carting,	4 35
for cleaning house,	2 00
for steps,	1 25
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	\$14 29

*East.*

Paid C. Eddy, labor and stock,	\$5 73
for small furnishings,	1 10
for cleaning house,	2 50
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	\$9 33

*Matfield.*

Paid C. Keene, labor on lot,	\$2 25
for small furnishings,	1 95
for cleaning building,	3 00
J. H. Fairbanks, chimney top,	4 40
“            labor,	2 00
mason for stock and labor,	1 75
J. A. Shores, for labor,	1 50
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	\$16 85

*North Centre.*

Paid Wm. A. Colé, labor and stock,	\$2 70
C. P. Hilstrum, labor,	1 25
for cleaning building,	2 00
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	\$5 95

*North.*

Paid James C. Keith, moving shed,	\$8 00
B. H. Waugh, labor and stock,	1 50
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	\$9 50

## IN GENERAL.

Paid C. P. Hilstrum, labor,	\$16 80
“ stock,	17 30
Albert Copeland, labor,	9 50
“ materials,	10 93
E. M. Linfield, printing bills,	3 00
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	\$57 53

Whole amount of repairs,	\$267 69
Balance,	32 31
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Town grant,	\$300 00

The number of children in town between five and fifteen years of age on May first, was two hundred and forty-nine. Of this number there were two hundred and eighteen in common schools; in the Howard school, nine (six of these over fourteen years) at work, two in parochial schools, four sick, five young and not yet entered, and nine out from various causes, most the result of change of residence.

The statistics given in the table appended to the report, could not be made out for the full winter term, on account of the time when the schools closed.

The provision for our truants has been the same as that of last year.

In a circular relating to truant schools received from the Secretary of the State Board of Education,

“It is recommended that the towns of the counties of the State (except Hampden and Berkshire counties, which have already established county truant schools,) at their next annual meeting, petition according to Sect. 14, Chap. 48 of the Public Statutes, their county commissioners to establish county truant schools, in which a class of children now wandering about the streets . . . may receive such discipline and instruction as will prepare them for good citizenship in our Commonwealth.”

The Supreme Judicial Court has just rendered a decision that

“This statute is mandatory, and county commissioners, upon a proper requirement under it, should establish a truant school, without reference to their own views as to the expediency of so doing.”

#### Another State law

“Provides that no apportionment or distribution of the income of the school fund shall be made to a city or town which has not complied with the laws relating to truancy.”

It is therefore quite important that action should be taken by our town this year, in accordance with the request of Secretary Dickinson.

#### Sect. 14, Chap. 48 of the Public Statutes, provides that

“If three or more cities or towns in each of the four contiguous counties, Norfolk, Bristol, Barnstable and Plymouth, so require, the county commissioners of such counties shall, at the expense of the same, establish at a convenient place therein, a union truant school, to be organized and controlled by the chairmen of the county commissioners of such counties, in the manner provided for the government and control of county truant schools.”

The appropriation made by the town last March was sufficient to lengthen the school year two weeks, and another week was added on account of a small extra sum received from the State under the head of school revenue, making a total of thirty-five weeks for each school, except the Centre Primary that had a deficiency of one week in the preceding year. Interruptions in the schools caused by the agricultural fairs of the region were made good at the close of the winter term, or previously.

It seemed best in some instances to substitute a vacation at Christmas for that heretofore given at Thanksgiving, and if there should be a general desire for it, such arrangement could be adopted in future.

In accordance with a vote of the committee, the spring term for 1889 will begin Monday, March 25, and continue eleven weeks to June 14.

In localities not affected by berry-picking, the close of the summer term may be deferred one or two weeks.

The general school appropriation recommended for this year will be sufficient to cover all expenses for at least thirty-four weeks, and that asked for repairs may, if no unusual demands are made, give a small sum with which to commence the work of grading about the new school-house at Matfield.

The appropriations recommended for this year are these :

For the support of schools,	\$3,500 00
For furnishings and repairs,	300 00
For text-books and supplies,	150 00



At the next annual meeting two members of the school board are to be chosen for three years.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SHORES,  
M. K. CROSBY,  
A. S. LELACHEUR,  
F. S. TISDALE,  
B. PERKINS,

*School Committee.*

WEST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 1, 1889.

## Superintendent's Report.

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In the review of our school work to which the close of the year summons us, we can see in the distance, still illumined with hopes of their fulfilment, the carefully-formed purposes and plans with which our labors were begun; while near at hand we are confronted with results, necessarily incomplete, but showing, we trust, well-laid foundations for future advances, as well as substantial progress towards the completion of worthy labors continued from previous years.

We may take encouragement from the fact that no disturbance has occurred in any school of sufficient importance to seriously interfere with its good order and diligent work.

The six schools that have been privileged to retain their excellent teachers bear continued testimony to the success that has rewarded these faithful workers.

The work accomplished in each school cannot be fairly estimated without a good knowledge of the varying conditions under which it has been carried on. The real progress of an individual pupil or a class must be measured from the starting point, and when comparisons are drawn between classes or schools, justice requires that allowance should be made in case the circumstances may have been more or less favorable.

A comparison of the "course of study" announced in our report for last year with that proposed for "ungraded schools" by the Secretary of the Board of Education in the State Report sent to our town later in the year, shows an essential agreement in work to be attempted and in methods.

Prang's system of "Form Study and Drawing" has been introduced into our schools in furtherance of the excellent requirement of the State that "Industrial Drawing shall be taught because of its educational and industrial value."

All of the primary children, and in the mixed schools those more advanced, entered with keen delight upon the use of clay in their study of form, and each school could exhibit really good miniature specimens in clay, of either nuts, apples and other fruits, or of familiar articles like hats, bottles, rolling-pins, etc., in addition to creditable imitations of their form models, — the sphere, cube and cylinder. This clay modelling can be restricted to the fall term when the clay is most easily handled, and during the other two terms, the brief time allotted to this study can be occupied with crayons or pencils. The training thus given to eye and hand will add to the usefulness and happiness of each child's whole life.

The fall term, when our national election was pending, seemed a fitting time for directing attention to the form of government under which we live, and the older pupils read and studied with much interest, portions of the Constitution of the United States, together with the simple exposition of the same contained in a little book prepared for schools, entitled "Civics for Young Americans."

Beginning with the winter term, all of the schools except those composed of the youngest children have been furnished with a weekly news journal, — "The Week's Current," — that aims to bring before its readers a "clean and careful summary of important and interesting topics." Familiar acquaintance with this little paper, besides keeping our youth wide-awake, intelligent observers of passing events the world over, must help to form the valuable habit of selecting only the best from

the overwhelming mass of items furnished by our daily papers.

More changes have occurred in our corps of teachers than is usual in a single year.

Miss Mary C. Keith, a resident of the district, took charge of the North school at the beginning of the year in place of Miss Ellis. Miss Keith's zealous devotion to her work received the hearty approval of her pupils and their friends, and her withdrawal early in the fall, to accept a position in one of the schools of Brockton, was sincerely regretted by all connected with her school.

Miss Ida Wyman, of Maine, her successor, carried the school to the end of the year in good order and with increasing interest in study. The quiet industry of this school is a feature worthy of notice.

Miss Ellis, whose previous experience had so well prepared her for the place, began the spring term as teacher of the Centre Primary school, but, one week later, was compelled by ill health to tender her resignation.

Miss Corelli C. Brown of this town was engaged temporarily to fill the vacancy. The earnestness which she manifested in the school-room work and her consequent success, secured her continuance in the place.

Just at the close of the summer vacation Miss Littlefield, whose efficient labors as teacher in the Centre Grammar school have been noticed in previous reports, was obliged to resign her position, on account of illness. This necessity called forth much warm sympathy and deep regret from her devoted pupils.

The new teacher, Miss Mary F. Hanscom, a graduate of the Salem Normal School, and a lady of some experience in teaching, has labored with singleness of purpose, enthusiasm and patient thoroughness. Under her judicious direction there has

been steady advancement in all that pertains to a well ordered school.

A call to one of the schools in Easton took from the Jerusalem school its highly valued teacher, Miss Waldron, during the summer vacation.

Miss Lida W. Copeland, a resident of our town, accepted an offer of the vacant place which she has since most acceptably filled. Her previous experience in similar schools has been of great service in the work of adjusting in the various classes a large addition of pupils that the school has received from families recently located in the region.

Most of the older boys and girls whose familiar seats were found vacant when our schools re-opened in the autumn, could be seen a few weeks later, happily at work in the pleasant room assigned to their use in the Howard building. Our interest in their progress and good conduct is not lessened though they have passed beyond the official care of the School Board, and the assurance given by their teachers that they are diligently improving this opportunity for advanced study will be received with satisfaction by all interested in the future welfare of the town.

Book-keeping has been added to the studies announced for the early part of the course in the High School.

With the present population and industrial pursuits of our town, it cannot be expected that its common schools can furnish each year so large a number (eighteen) as that admitted to the High School department of the Howard School last summer. But it is to be hoped that some pupils fairly well prepared may be found ready to avail themselves of the advantage offered by this "High School or Seminary of Learning" that has been established to fulfil the expressed intent of the generous donor :



“ Believing that it will be for the good of my children as well as a benefit to my native town and the public, I give and bequeath . . . ”

It is a constantly recurring problem in the care of our schools to make such provision for the children of families whose stay in town is often very short, that they shall be brought into harmonious working with our more permanent pupils and not retard the progress of the latter. All will acknowledge it to be our first duty to provide the best educational opportunities in our power for those to whom we naturally look for the future prosperity of our town, — the children of those parents who show a sense of responsibility in the general management of town affairs, as befits good and patriotic citizens. At the same time we should recognize it as a duty and privilege to freely offer these advantages to all children that may chance to live within our borders.

The serious nature of this problem will be seen by comparing the number of changes caused by removals, with the whole number of pupils for the year :

Whole number enrolled for the year,	288
Number that have left town,	48
Number that have moved into town,	19

Several pupils have changed residence in town. The schools most affected by these changes have been the North Centre, Cochesett and Jerusalem.

Irregular attendance continues to interrupt the steady progress of some pupils. In most such cases the difficulty lies with the parents, and to remedy this evil our State has made it the legal duty of the committee to insist that all children of school age shall receive their share in public school instruction or some equivalent therefor.



Deliberate truancy is of very rare occurrence amongst us, and the instances in which parents attempt to interfere with the teachers' unquestionable authority on the school premises are not worthy of mention.

The new law that went into operation July 1, 1888, respecting the employment of children under sixteen years of age, requires a certificate from school officials, a blank form of which is here presented for the benefit of those who may have occasion to ask for a "Certificate of Schooling" under its provisions.

#### EMPLOYMENT TICKET, LAW OF 1888.

When....., height.....,  
 complexion....., hair....., presents a certificate duly  
 signed, I intend to employ.....  
 Date.....18 .

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 Signature of intending employer or agent.

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 Town or city, and State,

#### AGE AND SCHOOLING CERTIFICATE, LAW OF 1888.

*This Certifies* that I am the ..... of....., and  
 that..... was born at....., in the  
 county of....., and State (or country) of....., on  
 the....., and is now..... old.

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 Signature of father, mother, or guardian.

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 Town or city, and State.

Then personally appeared before me the above-named.....,  
 and made oath that the foregoing certificate by..... signed is true to the

best of.....knowledge and belief. I hereby approve the foregoing certificate of....., height....., complexion....., hair....., having no sufficient reason to doubt that .....is of the age therein certified. And I hereby certify that .....can read at sight, and can write legibly simple sentences of the English language, and that .....has attended the .....public (or private) day school according to law, for ..... weeks during the year next preceding this date, and that the last twenty weeks of such attendance began.....

*This Certificate expires* .....

Date ..... 18 .

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Signature of person authorized to sign, with  
official character or authority.

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Town or city, and State.

This law prohibits the employment of any child under sixteen years of age, "in factory, workshop, etc.," unless the employer keeps on file the required certificate.

Every parent or guardian certifying falsely over his signature, is liable to a fine of fifty dollars and imprisonment for thirty days.

The Superintendent of Schools in any town is the authorized person to sign the certificate, and if there is no such official, the school committee must choose from their number, one to attend to this duty.

If the child's attendance has been at a private school, the signature of the teacher is also required.

Though the years are few in which our youth are receiving instruction in public schools, it is the formative period of their lives, and impressions then made are lasting.

Moral instruction is, at the present time, prominent amongst the topics discussed by distinguished educators.

One of the ablest of these writes, "morality is behavior. The moral education relates strictly to the will, and is a training in habits of action. The theory of morality is an important aid, but not morality itself," and the writer calls attention to the efficiency of the school in securing the actual growth of moral habits in the community.

Another work of vital importance is the formation of a taste for good reading. The earliest years of school life must be mainly occupied in the mechanical preparation known as "learning to read." This process, once so laborious and irksome to the average child, is now made bright and attractive by excellent books and charts, with improved methods in their use. Not until a child can easily follow the order of printed words and perceive the thoughts they express, will he receive much pleasure or profit from reading, but when this power is once gained the eager young mind is ready to be directed in its search for the wisdom stored in books.

The studies selected for the later years of school life are chosen in part with a view to present such a variety of subjects that each pupil may find one or more of sufficient interest to be continued as a study in the midst of the labors of mature life.

Just at the age when the appetite for knowledge should be keen, most children leave school, and from that time, if there is proper encouragement at home, they will naturally continue to satisfy their desire for reading and study by the help of books from the Public Library, and such others as wise parents will provide for the mutual improvement and pleasure of the family circle.

If the books belonging to its several members, not forgetting those of the little ones, are kept together in some convenient place, the sense of their possession is strengthened and their influence increased.

This home supply need not be expensive or procured with great outlay at one time. Works treating of biography, travel, religion, poetry and fiction, would usually be represented according to the taste of the readers, and in addition to these let there be gradually collected upon the simple book shelves that are to be found in every country home, books of reference and daily use like these.

A good dictionary, atlas, history of our country, and a general history of the world, an arithmetic, books treating of the human body, plants, animals, and the common phenomena of nature, as winds, rain, frosts, etc.

Many of the books here named have already become like old friends to the children from their use in study at school.

A small dictionary is invaluable, but either Worcester's or Webster's unabridged would be a mine of information in a household, and these with all other books desired, can be obtained at comparatively low prices.

Few older persons have left their school-days so far behind that they cannot enjoy with the young, locating upon maps new places brought to notice in the daily papers, or looking up the meaning of an unusual word met with in general reading.

Would not children soon regard the family library with such affection and pride that they would gladly save for its increase, their pennies so often spent in the purchase of articles harmful or of trifling value?

Such collection of books in our homes will tend to keep

happy and contented by the fireside their younger members ; will secure a more intelligent use of the Public Library and other opportunities for intellectual improvement, and in these as well as in other ways, help carry onward through life the development of mind and character that our public schools were established to promote throughout the community.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA K. CROSBY.



1888 — 1889.

## Report of the Agent for School Supplies.

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The money voted by the town for books and other school supplies has been expended as follows :

To Harper & Bros., grammars and spelling books,	\$8 24
Cowperthwait & Co., geographies, copy-books and language books,	27 60
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., arithmetic and readers,	2 54
William Ware & Co., arithmetics,	23 46
Warren P. Adams, readers,	2 00
The Thorp & Adams Co., paper, pens, pencils and various supplies,	29 60
J. B. Lippincott & Co., dictionaries,	3 90
Prang & Co., drawing books, pencils, models and clay,	30 05
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., readers,	2 34
Globe and map,	2 25
Business forms and employment blanks,	2 50
Express, freight and postage,	8 21
Miscellaneous small supplies,	7 31
Total,	<hr/> \$150 00
Inventory of stock on hand Jan. 31, 1888,	\$32 07
Amount drawn from town treasury,	150 00
	<hr/> \$182 07



Inventory of new stock on hand Jan. 31, 1889,	\$17 25
Supplies furnished schools,	164 82
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	\$182 07

## INVENTORY OF SUPPLIES ON HAND JAN. 31, 1889.

6 readers,	\$1 87
3 spellers,	45
3 arithmetics,	88
4 3-4 doz. copy-books,	4 22
1 3-4 doz. spelling blanks,	53
7 half reams paper,	2 00
7 quires manila paper,	1 40

*Miscellaneous.*

Crayons, pens, pencils and erasers,	5 90
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	\$17 25

The average number of pupils enrolled in the schools is 251.2; the cost of supplies provided by the town has been \$164.82, or 65.6 cents per scholar.

It can be seen that the cost of the supplies given out to the schools exceeds the town's appropriation for this purpose, and that the amount of *unused* supplies left at the close of the year is less than at the close of the last year, by this difference.

The chief expenditure for books during the coming year must be for readers, as many books used in the younger classes have become too badly worn and soiled for further service. Addi-

tional dictionaries should also be furnished to those schools that have pupils sufficiently advanced to profit by their frequent use.

After purchasing the most necessary books and supplies like paper, pencils, etc., that perish in the using, there remains but a mere pittance for maps, charts, and like articles that add so greatly to the interest and usefulness of a school.

Persons interested in special schools or desirous to contribute towards the improvement of all, may rest assured that benefactions could not be bestowed where they would be more highly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA K. CROSBY, *Agent*.

SCHOOLS.		Length in weeks.	Scholars enrolled.	Average member-ship.	Average attendance.	Not absent or tardy.*	Over fifteen years.	Less than five years.	Wager per month.
Spring Term.	South Primary . . . . .	13	23	22.2	20.4	5	0	2	\$36
	Centre Grammar . . . . .	12	29	25.2	23.2	4	1	0	40
	Centre Primary . . . . .	12	27	23.7	21.7	0	0	0	34
	East . . . . .	11	33	31.6	28.3	5	1	0	40
	Matfield . . . . .	11	26	24.6	22.8	1	1	0	40
	North . . . . .	12	18	16.3	16.	3	0	0	36
	North Centre . . . . .	11	29	22.	18.	1	0	0	40
	Cochesett Grammar . . . . .	11	21	18.	16.8	7	1	0	40
	Cochesett Primary . . . . .	11	29	23.7	21.2	5	0	1	36
	Jerusalem . . . . .	11	15	13.3	11.	0	1	0	36
Summer Term.	South . . . . .	12	23	22.5	20.29	6	0	0	36
	Centre Grammar . . . . .	10	19	18.2	15.8	0	0	0	40
	Centre Primary . . . . .	12	28	21.	19.6	0	0	1	36
	East . . . . .	11*	39	36.5	35.2	6	3	2	40
	Matfield . . . . .	11*	25	21.4	20.3	1	1	0	40
	North . . . . .	12	19	18.	16.9	1	0	0	36
	North Centre . . . . .	12	26	24.3	20.5	1	3	0	40
	Cochesett Grammar . . . . .	11*	21	20.1	18.9	6	4	0	40
	Cochesett Primary . . . . .	11*	32	29.6	26.9	6	0	2	36
	Jerusalem . . . . .	11*	23	19.	15.5	2	1	0	34
Winter Term.	South . . . . .	10	21	20.9	19.5	8	0	4	36
	Centre Grammar . . . . .	9	22	20.1	16.3	0	1	0	40
	Centre Primary . . . . .	10	22	20.6	19.2	0	0	0	36
	East . . . . .	10*	34	34.	30.3	4	2	0	40
	Matfield . . . . .	9*	26	23.9	21.	1	1	0	40
	North . . . . .	8	20	19.3	18.4	2	0	0	36
	North Centre . . . . .	10	28	24.1	21.	0	1	0	40
	Cochesett Grammar . . . . .	9	20	18.5	17.2	5	6	0	40
	Cochesett Primary . . . . .	9	30	30.	26.	3	0	1	36
	Jerusalem . . . . .	10	27	22.5	18.8	2	0	0	36

\*These schools had some additional days.

## Town Clerk's Report.

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### *Marriages Recorded in West Bridgewater in 1888.*

- Jan. 16. Elijah Austin Keith, of West Bridgewater, and  
Lillian May Keith, of Brockton.
- Jan. 21. William H. Perkins, of Bridgewater, and Mabel  
L. Field, of West Bridgewater.
- Feb. 24. Lemuel A. Williams and Addie H. Hodley, both  
of Taunton.
- April 8. William H. Alger, of West Bridgewater, and  
Emma Millard, of Brockton.
- May 10. Willard Ames and Catherine A. Goddet, both of  
West Bridgewater.
- June 12. Hillard H. Paine, of West Bridgewater, and Carrie  
E. Rogers, of Orleans.
- June 21. John B. Jackson, of Bridgewater, and Katie M.  
Egan, of West Bridgewater.
- July 3. Charles H. Alger, of Brockton, and Florence F.  
Keene, of West Bridgewater.
- July 3. John Jackson and Hannah Anderson, both of  
West Bridgewater.
- July 29. Daniel E. Bosworth and Sophia A. Bullard, both  
of West Bridgewater.
- July 30. Fred. H. Washburn and Cora F. Ellis, both of  
West Bridgewater.

- Sept. 16. James McFadden, of West Bridgewater, and Mary Cull, of Bridgewater.
- Sept. 16. George H. Lothrop, of West Bridgewater, and B. Alice Bosworth, of Easton.
- Nov. 12. John M. Allen and Nellie E. Harvey, both of West Bridgewater.
- Nov. 17. John Belair, of West Bridgewater, and Mary Miller, of Bridgewater.
- Nov. 20. Fred E. Hood, of West Bridgewater, and Hannah P. Kittrell, of Brockton.
- Nov. 27. William Donovan, of West Bridgewater, and Annie M. Dunn, of Bridgewater.
- Nov. 29. Alton W. Snell and Clara B. Leach, both of West Bridgewater.
- Fred Field, of West Bridgewater, and Ottelina Taber, of Brockton.
- John R. Perkins, of West Bridgewater, and Lulie F. Drake, of Campello.

*Births Registered in West Bridgewater during the year 1888.*

Date.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Names of Parents.
1886.			
April 19	Philip Sullivan . . . . .	Male . . . . .	Philip and Mary Sullivan.
1887.			
February 22	Delia Belmore . . . . .	Female . . . . .	Oetave and Eliza C. Belmore.
August 1	Mary Carroll . . . . .	Female . . . . .	Robert and Elizabeth C. Carroll.
September 21	Edith D. Stedman . . . . .	Female . . . . .	William W. and Eda H. Stedman.
" 27	Leon Elsworth Erskins . . . . .	Male . . . . .	Christopher and Susan B. Erskins.
October 30	Frank Vernon Crosby . . . . .	Male . . . . .	George W. and Katie M. Crosby.
November 21	Austin Howard . . . . .	Male . . . . .	Willard and Mary D. Howard.
December 14	Addie May Wilds . . . . .	Female . . . . .	George W. and Mary L. Wilds.
1888.			
January 1	Julia Cotter . . . . .	Female . . . . .	Richard and Margaret H. Cotter.
February 17	James F. W. Willis . . . . .	Male . . . . .	Frank and Mary F. Willis.
March 3	Ethel May Silsby . . . . .	Female . . . . .	Zeno L. and Laura P. Silsby.
" 4		Male . . . . .	Brainard and Aurelia R. Robbins.
" 6		Male . . . . .	James and Margaret F. McPadden.
" 7	Margaret Lynch . . . . .	Female . . . . .	Daniel and Joanna R. Lynch.
April 19	Patrick Sullivan . . . . .	Male . . . . .	Philip and Mary Sullivan.
" 5	Joseph Louise . . . . .	Male . . . . .	Manoel and Isabel Louise.
" 10	Francis Lynch . . . . .	Male . . . . .	Michael and Ellen C. Lynch.
" 17	Mary Fidelia Packard . . . . .	Female . . . . .	Arthur P. and Almira M. Packard.
" 17	Charles Wallace Hopkins . . . . .	Male . . . . .	George G. and Etta R. Hopkins.
" 18	Elizabeth Atwood Nute . . . . .	Female . . . . .	Clarence W. and Eveline S. Nute.
May 3	Leon Howard Dunbar . . . . .	Male . . . . .	Eddy P. and Jennie T. Dunbar.
" 3	Fred Norman . . . . .	Male . . . . .	John and Anna E. Norman.
" 15	Anson Wesley Cobbett . . . . .	Male . . . . .	Anson E. and Mabel G. Cobbett.
" 17	Jeanette Elizabeth Bismore . . . . .	Female . . . . .	William and Mary S. Bismore.
" 22	James Arthur Bismore . . . . .	Male . . . . .	Charles and Harriet B. Bismore.



Date.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Names of Parents.
May 23	Ethel Cassandra Dearth	Female	John and Dencia L. Dearth.
" 28	Etta Maria Hayward	Female	Frank and Maria W. Hayward.
June 24	Grace Maria Packard	Female	Ora and Emma W. Packard.
" 28	Rosalie Frances Belmore	Female	Octave and Eliza C. Belmore.
July 13	John Erick Winberg	Male	August and Vendla S. Winberg.
" 16		Female	James F. and Addie S. McAnagh.
" 28	Isabel Dewey Crockett	Female	William H. and Christine S. Crockett.
" 30	Warren P. Shell	Male	Prescott T. and Flora V. Snell.
August 9	Evelyn Louise Ryder	Female	S. Ellis and Carrie D. Ryder.
" 12	Mary Leonard Copeland	Female	Samuel G. and Carrie L. Copeland.
" 14	Olive Ames	Female	Ellis F. and Emma B. Ames.
" 25	Nellie Watson Ames	Female	George F. and Lizzie N. Ames.
" 28		Male	John and Annie McCarthy.
September 4	Margaret Louisa McEachren	Female	Hugh and Flora M. McEachren.
" 10	Caleb Copeland, Jr.	Male	Caleb and Annie E. Copeland.
" 19	Nellie Dunbar	Female	Channing and Jennie H. Dunbar.
October 17	Michael Cunningham	Male	Michael and Mary R. Cunningham.
" 17	Daniel Cunningham	Male	Michael and Mary R. Cunningham.
" 20	Alice Twomey	Female	Patrick and Elizabeth Twomey.
November 11		Male	Edgar E. and Henrietta Worcester.
" 17	Harry Otis Packard	Male	Arthur P. and Almira M. Packard.
December 16	Seth Russell Atwell	Male	Horace and Mary B. Atwell.
" 26		Male	George E. and Mary F. Horton.

*Deaths in West Bridgewater during the Year, 1888.*

Date.	Name of Deceased.	Y.	M.	D.	Cause of Death.	Place of Birth.	Name of Parents.
Jan. 2	Cecil Morse	42	2	23	Cancer.	Norway.	Samuel and Annie Ryder.
" 13	Lewis Ryder.	84	6		Mitral Insufficiency.	Plymouth.	Hugh Callahan.
" 17	Bridget Callahan.	51			Cystitis.	Ireland.	Isaac and Lucy Johnson.
" 23	Frederick Johnson.	78		26	Heart Disease.	Boston.	James Sullivan.
" 28	Michael Sullivan.	62	10		Angina Pectoris.	Ireland.	William H. and Lizzie Wilson.
Feb. 12	Florence Wilson.	3		20	Croup.	West Bridgewater.	Caleb and Emeline Keene.
" 13	Laura Jane Keene.				Peritonitis.	West Bridgewater.	Brainard and Aurelia R. Robbins.
Mar. 9	James F. W. Willis.			5	Heart Disease.	West Bridgewater.	Frank and Mary F. Willis.
" 19	John T. Hersey.	51	1	2	Bronchitis.	West Bridgewater.	John and Caroline Hersey.
Apr. 12	George E. Young.	37	8	16	Alcoholism.	Stoughton.	Joseph and Lucy B. Young.
" 25	Jeremiah Twohig.	76	7		Neuralgia.	Ireland.	William and Johanna Twohig.
May 3	John H. Colwell.	79	8	2	Heart Disease.	West Bridgewater.	Ebenezer and Betsey Colwell.
" 12	John H. Colwell.				Congestion of Liver.	Bridgewater.	Eddy P. and Jennie T. Dunbar.
" 15	Leon Howard Dunbar.				Congestion of Brain.	Easton.	John and Celia Gallagher.
Jun. 13	Mathew Gallagher.	37			Paralysis.	Bridgewater.	Ichabod and Sally Macomber.
July 8	Charles A. Macomber.	81	14		Cancer.	Bridgewater.	Malachi Donahue.
Aug. 21	Ellis M. Kelley.	27	11	21		West Bridgewater.	John and Annie McCardhy.
" 28					Paralysis of Brain	Boston.	Fred G. and Mary F. Baird.
" 31	Chester H. Baird.		2	13	Chronic Endocarditis.	Maine.	Ezekiel and Sarah Higgins.
Sept. 1	Oscar R. Higgins.	43	6	18	Inanition.	East Bridgewater.	Patrick and Mary Stark.
" 16	Mary E. Stack.		1	27	Pneumonia.	West Bridgewater.	James and Betsey C. Copeland.
" 29	Hannah C. Keith.	49	4	16	Hæmaturia.	Ireland.	William and Mary Connelly.
Oct. 3	Patrick Connelly.	83	6		Chronic Pericarditis.	Vermont.	Edmund and Elizabeth Shipman.
" 23	Carrie Reeves.	42	5		Paralysis.	Ireland.	Thomas and Bridget Fitzpatrick.
Nov. 1	Margaret Dwyer.	56	2	18	Pneumonia.	West Bridgewater.	Frank and Maria W. Hayward.
" 28	Etta Maria Hayward.		6		Old Age.	West Bridgewater.	Lloyd and Abigail Howard.
Dec. 18	Caroline Stone.	89	2	14	Capillary Bronchitis.	West Bridgewater.	Octave and Eliza C. Belmore.
" 21	Rosalie Frances Belmore.		5	23			

## Report of the Public Library.

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The additions to the library during the year 1888 number 233 volumes, not including pamphlets and public documents, of which there are 177, making the total number of volumes on the shelves 3,324.

The circulation of books for the year shows a falling off from the previous year of about 4 1-2 per cent, and was divided among the several classes as follows :

Agriculture,	52
Art,	76
Biography,	229
Fiction,	3,301
General Literature,	272
History,	260
Humorous Works,	120
Juvenile Works,	1,083
Magazines,	1,264
Poetry,	131
Works of Reference,	59
Religion and Theology,	11
Science,	197
Travels,	214
Public Documents,	1
Total,	<hr/> 7,270

## COST OF MAINTAINING THE LIBRARY.

The receipts and expenditures for the year have been as follows, viz. :

*Receipts.*

Balance from last year,	\$160 63
From town treasurer,	270 58
fines, sales of catalogues and cards,	19 15
Miss Helen A. Howard, on account of	
fair,	7 00
sale of press board,	1 01
Mrs. Chas. Reed, binding books,	2 25
Rev. Wm. Brown,           “	2 00
Howard Institute,       “	2 00
Miss Ferguson,           “	2 25
Miss E. Kingman, book,	83
	————— \$467 70

*Expenditures.*

Paid Estes & Lauriat,	\$256 40
Librarian's salary,	104 36
Magazines,	44 18
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	7 50
Insurance,	16 50
Printing cards,	4 00
Oil, express, postage, etc.,	6 61
Gen. Sheridan's Memoirs,	6 00

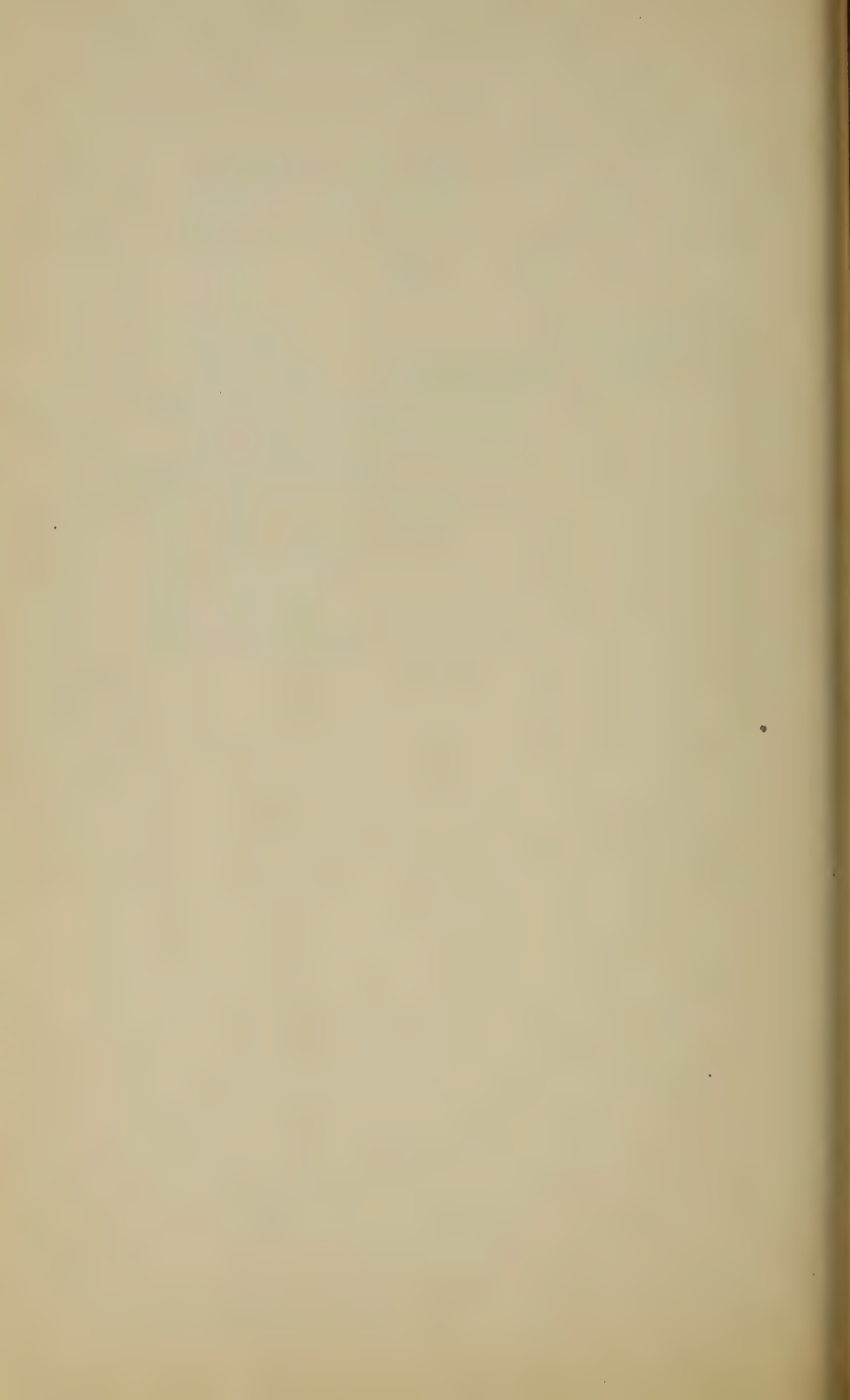
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*Amount carried forward,*                   \$445 55

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$445 55	
Paid Press board,	4 06	
“ Mile Stones,”	3 25	
Horse and stock book,	6 50	
C. P. Howard, wood,	2 00	
Book buyer,	1 00	
Letters and figures,	1 25	
Balance in hands of undersigned,	4 09	
	<hr/>	\$467 70

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. R. PACKARD.





## TOWN MEETING.

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PLYMOUTH, SS.

*To any Constable of the Town of West Bridgewater, in the  
County of Plymouth, Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote at elections and in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, in said town, on MONDAY, the 4th day of March, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:—

ARTICLE 1. — To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. — To hear the annual reports of town officers and committees, and act thereon.

ART. 3. — To choose all necessary town officers.

ART. 4. — To bring in their votes, “Yes,” or “No,” on the following question: “Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?”

ART. 5. — To act on the list of jurors as reported by the selectmen.

ART. 6. — To see if the town will vote to adopt the provision of the Statute in relation to the election of road commissioners.  
(By request.)

ART. 7. — To see if the town will choose surveyors to have charge of repairs on the highways the ensuing year, said surveyors to be elected by ballot, each district to be voted on separately. (By petition.)

ART. 8. — To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

ART. 9. — To see if the town will raise one hundred dollars (100) for public lectures.

ART. 10. — To see if the town will appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to build sidewalks where they are most needed, the expenditure of this sum to be placed in the hands of a committee of three citizens to be chosen by ballot. (By petition.)

ART. 11. — To see if the town will instruct the treasurer to pay no bill whatever, unless he shall first receive an order drawn and signed by the selectmen; the orders for State and military aid, and all orders for school bills approved by one of the school committee, to be paid upon the order signed by one of the selectmen, and for the payment of all other bills he shall require an order signed by two members of the board. (By request.)

ART. 12. — To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to borrow money, in anticipation of taxes, to pay charges against the town.

ART. 13. — To take such action as the town sees fit with regard to requiring the County Commissioners to establish a County Truant School in accordance with the provisions of law.

ART. 14. — To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to elect a superintendent of schools.

ART. 15. — To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) for memorial services on Memorial Day. (By request.)

ART. 16. — To determine the manner of collecting the taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 17. — To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting.

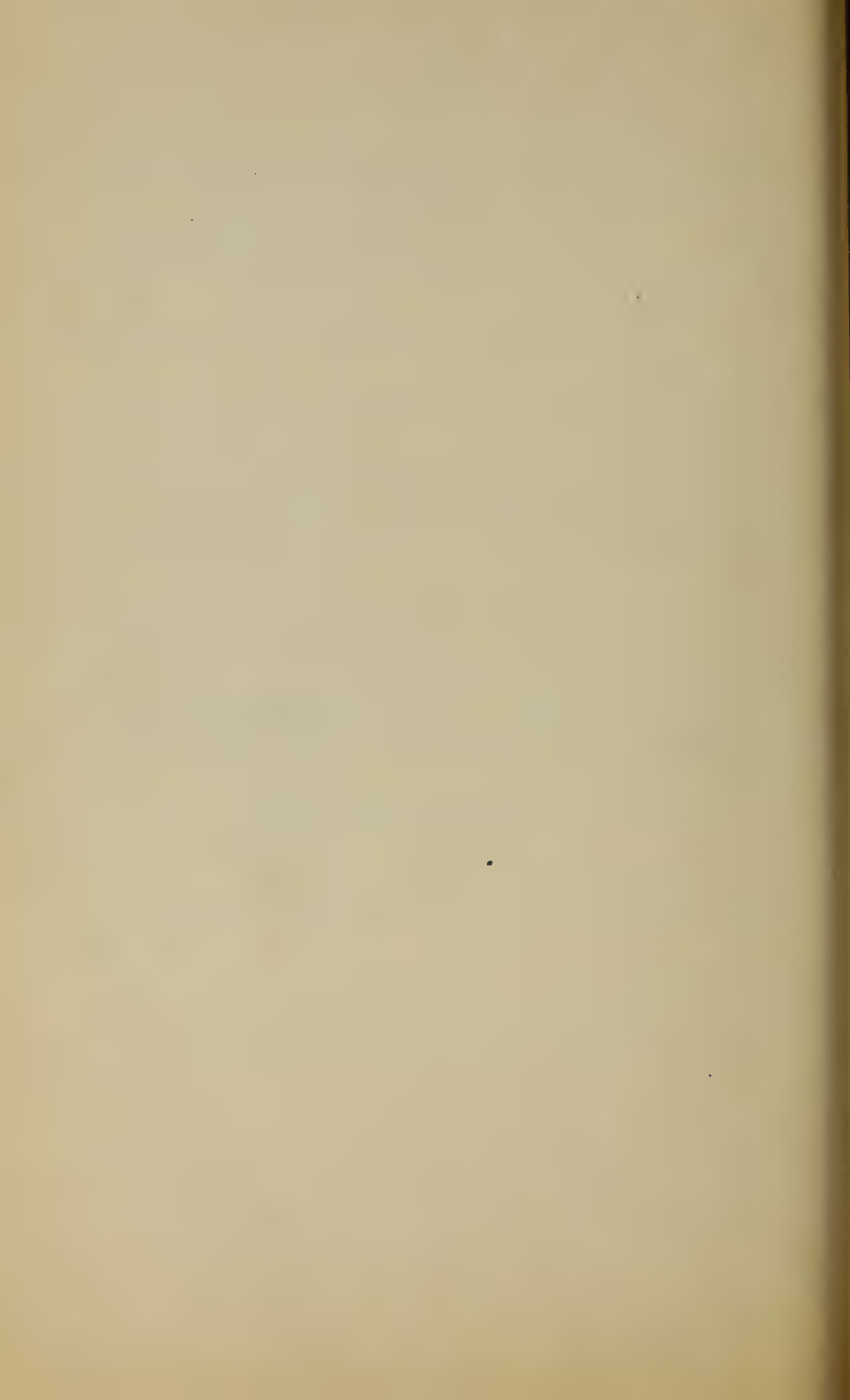
And you are directed to serve this Warrant according to the vote of said town, seven days, at least, before the time appointed for said meeting.

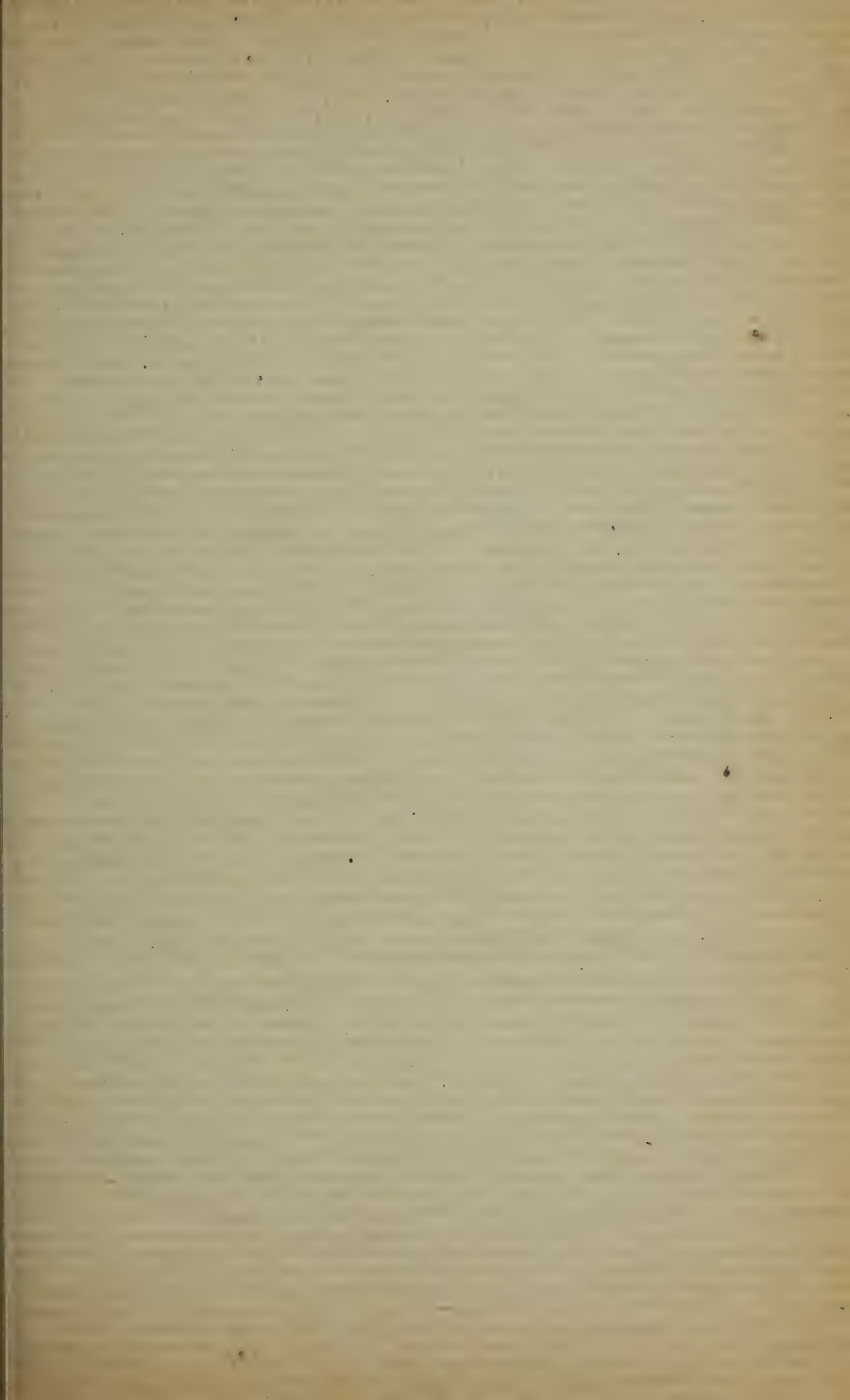
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at or before the time appointed for the meeting aforesaid.

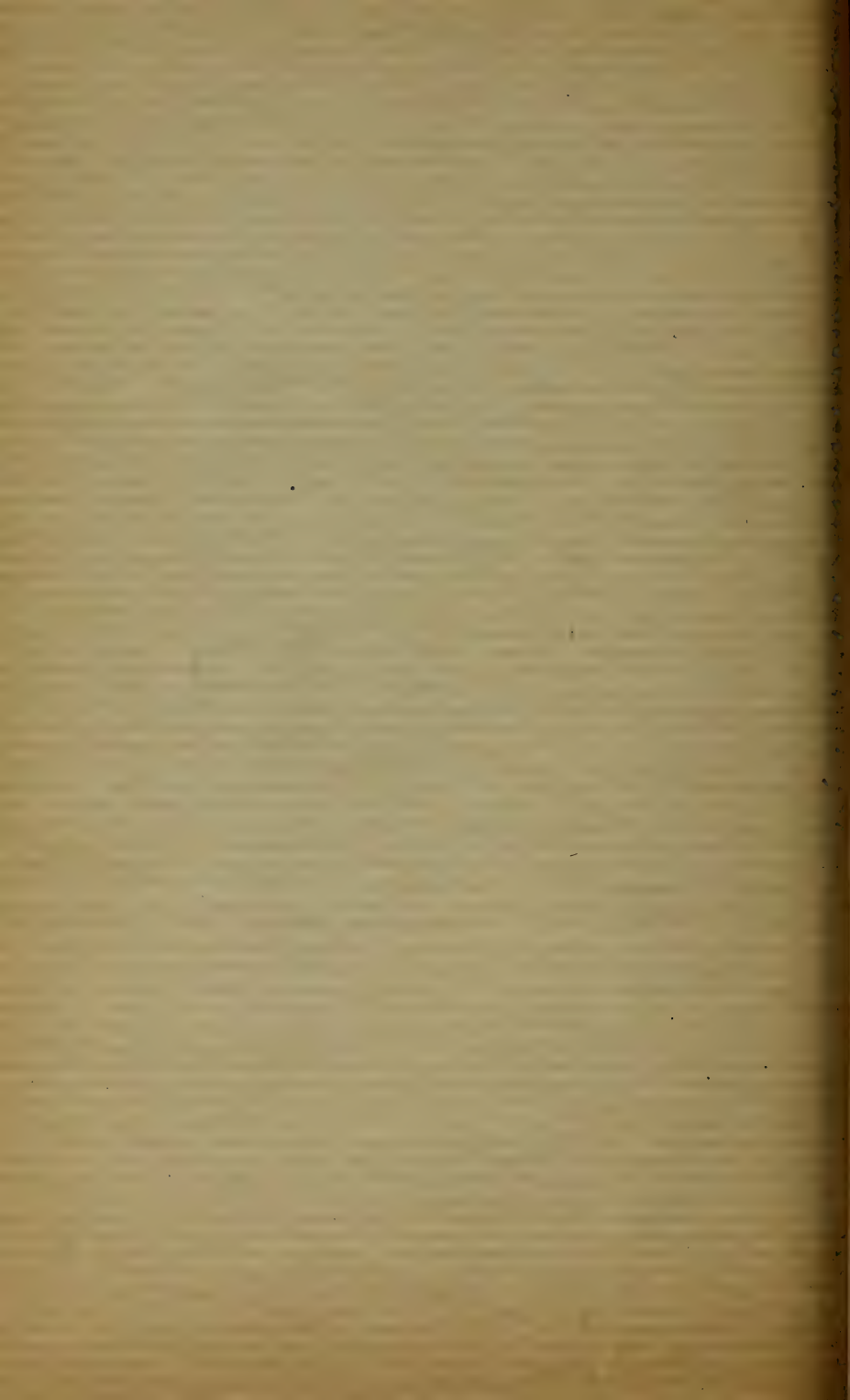
Given under our hands, at said West Bridgewater, this twenty-first day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

HENRY COPELAND,  
HORACE W. HOWARD,  
JOSEPH A. SHORES,

*Selectmen of West Bridgewater.*









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# TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1889.

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## *Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Assessors.*

JOSEPH A. SHORES.

HORACE W. HOWARD.

CHARLES T. WILLIAMS.

## *Town Clerk.*

CHARLES R. PACKARD.

## *Collector and Treasurer.*

CHARLES E. TISDALE.

## *School Committee.*

Mrs. M. K. CROSBY.

CHARLES T. HOWARD.

Mrs. A. S. LELACHEUR.

FRANK S. TISDALE.

JOSEPH A. SHORES.

BENJAMIN PERKINS.

## *Trustees of Public Library.*

CHARLES R. PACKARD.

JOSEPH A. SHORES.

WILLIAM BROWN.

Miss ELIZABETH KINGMAN.

Mrs. EMELINE B. COPELAND.

Miss EDITH F. HOWARD.

## *Surveyors of Highways.*

HORACE BARTLETT.

WILLIAM F. RYDER.

HORACE W. HOWARD.

FRIEND W. HOWARD.

PARDON K. BACON.

J. Q. HARTWELL.

RUFUS C. BENNETT.

## *Constables.*

ELLIS R. HOLBROOK.

H. EUGENE WESTON.

JOSIAH A. PERKINS.

DANIEL W. GARDNER.

## *Field Driver.*

JAMES C. LEIGHTON.

## *Fence Viewers.*

HORACE BARTLETT.

CLINTON P. HOWARD.

## *Measurers of Lumber.*

LESTER P. RIPLEY.

C. WESLEY PACKARD.

PARDON K. BACON.

CYRUS ALGER.

SAMUEL L. RYDER.

## *Measurers of Wood and Bark.*

FRIEND W. HOWARD.

CLINTON P. HOWARD.

DAVIS COPELAND.

LOREN A. FLAGG.

## *Registrars.*

JAMES A. FOBES.

LUCIUS DUNBAR.

EDWARD H. KEITH.

## *Auditors.*

GEORGE M. PRATT.

CURTIS EDDY.

LUCIUS GURNEY.

# ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE

### ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, AND SELECTMEN.

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The following report of the financial condition of the town, Feb. 1, 1890, is respectfully submitted.

#### REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

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##### VALUATION AS ASSESSED MAY 1, 1889.

Value of real estate . . . .	\$832,261 00
Value of personal estate . . . .	161,584 00
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	\$993,845 00

##### ASSESSMENTS.

State tax . . . .	\$1,000 00	
County tax . . . .	1,199 26	
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Town grant . . . .	\$12,040 00	
Overlay . . . .	613 07	
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Total tax . . . . .		\$14,852 33

Rate of tax, \$14 per \$1,000. Poll tax, — males, \$2.00 ; females, 50 cents.

Number of polls . . . . .	468
Females . . . . .	5
Acres of land . . . . .	9,822
Dwelling-houses . . . . .	385
Horses . . . . .	459
Cows . . . . .	583
Sheep . . . . .	25
Swine . . . . .	93
Young stock . . . . .	183

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

For support of schools . . . . .	\$3,500 00
School supplies and repairs . . . . .	450 00
Repairs of highways . . . . .	2,200 00
Support of poor . . . . .	1,500 00
Town officers . . . . .	700 00
Incidentals . . . . .	500 00
Public lectures . . . . .	100 00
Matfield road . . . . .	500 00
Memorial service . . . . .	50 00
Interest on town debt . . . . .	240 00
Paying town debt . . . . .	2,000 00
Building sidewalks . . . . .	300 00
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	\$12,040 00

#### TOWN PROPERTY.

Valuation of town farm . . . . .	\$4,000 00
Personal property . . . . .	1,842 81
Ten schoolhouses . . . . .	13,000 00



Valuation of town library	.	.	.	.	\$2,500 00
Derrick	.	.	.	.	100 00
Road scraper	.	.	.	.	125 00

JOS. A. SHORES,  
 HORACE W. HOWARD,  
 CHAS. T. WILLIAMS,  
*Assessors.*

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

### INVENTORY AT ALMSHOUSE, FEB. 1, 1889.

17 tons English hay . . . . .	\$306 00
5½ tons meadow hay . . . . .	55 00
4 tons swale . . . . .	48 00
Shorts and meal . . . . .	4 60
3¼ bushels beans . . . . .	9 75
10 cows . . . . .	375 00
1 horse . . . . .	65 00
2 swine . . . . .	15 00
80 fowls . . . . .	60 00
9 ducks . . . . .	9 00
20 bushels potatoes . . . . .	18 00
32 bushels small potatoes . . . . .	8 00
Onions . . . . .	1 50
35 bushels turnips . . . . .	10 50
550 pounds pork . . . . .	49 50
187 pounds ham . . . . .	18 70
40 pounds lard . . . . .	4 00
15 pounds butter . . . . .	3 75
3 dozen eggs . . . . .	66
Flour . . . . .	1 60
300 pounds beef . . . . .	18 00
Apples . . . . .	3 00
Groceries . . . . .	4 00
5 pork barrels . . . . .	3 25
Soap and oil . . . . .	1 00
<i>Amount carried forward . . . . .</i>	<i>\$1,092 81</i>

\$1,842 81

MARCH.

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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$164 95
Eggs	.	.	.	16 58
Pork	.	.	.	6 51
Poultry	.	.	.	2 25
Beets	.	.	.	50
Drawn from the treasury to pay J. O. Dean & Co. grain bill	.	.	.	122 39
Drawn from treasury to pay C. Atwell's bill	.	.	.	30 26
Drawn from treasury to pay J. C. Leighton, warden (two months)	.	.	.	66 66
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				\$410 10

#### EXPENDITURES AT ALMSHOUSE FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH.

Paid for groceries	.	.	.	.	\$32 99
Labor	.	.	.	.	26 85
Wood	.	.	.	.	15 00
Clothing	.	.	.	.	14 30
Meat and butchering	.	.	.	.	10 26
Table and use of machine	.	.	.	.	10 00
Flour	.	.	.	.	7 90
Hardware	.	.	.	.	7 27
Fish	.	.	.	.	6 85
Grain	.	.	.	.	3 06
Medicine and tobacco	.	.	.	.	2 39
Soap, oil, etc.	.	.	.	.	6 56
J. O. Dean & Co.'s grain bill	.	.	.	.	122 39
Charles Atwell's bill	.	.	.	.	30 26
J. C. Leighton, for two months as warden,	.	.	.	.	66 66
Cash on hand April 1	.	.	.	.	47 36
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					\$410 10

## RECEIPTS AT ALMSHOUSE.

Cash on hand April 1, 1889 . . . . .	\$47 36
Cash for milk . . . . .	766 36
Stock . . . . .	39 36
Vegetables . . . . .	18 44
Onions . . . . .	62 95
Potatoes . . . . .	33 70
Poultry . . . . .	37 13
Eggs . . . . .	40 88
Beef and pork . . . . .	21 30
Apples . . . . .	2 45
Calves . . . . .	5 00
Hay . . . . .	6 25
Board . . . . .	9 34
Drawn from treasury to pay warden's salary, ten months . . . . .	250 00
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	\$1,340 52

EXPENDITURES AT ALMSHOUSE COMMENCING  
APRIL 1.

Paid for flour . . . . .	\$50 45
Meat . . . . .	34 29
Fish . . . . .	4 29
Hardware . . . . .	31 47
Grass and garden seeds . . . . .	26 12
Blacksmithing . . . . .	10 18
Butchering . . . . .	6 50
Clothing . . . . .	27 35
Soap . . . . .	2 72
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<i>Amount carried forward . . . . .</i>	<i>\$193 37</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$193 37
Paid for medicine	.	.	.	7 42
Tobacco and snuff	.	.	.	5 30
Salt	.	.	.	5 97
Repairs on house	.	.	.	15 76
Repairs on harnesses	.	.	.	4 10
Fertilizer	.	.	.	30 50
Groceries	.	.	.	132 27
Grain	.	.	.	354 33
House furnishings	.	.	.	12 95
Farming tools	.	.	.	16 50
Oil	.	.	.	3 96
Stock	.	.	.	132 00
Lumber	.	.	.	8 18
Sundries	.	.	.	8 33
Carpenters' tools	.	.	.	5 00
Labor	.	.	.	50 30
Fowls	.	.	.	17 00
Horse hire	.	.	.	11 25
Veterinary	.	.	.	3 00
Stove and pipe	.	.	.	8 30
Difference in machines	.	.	.	35 00
Warden's salary, ten months	.	.	.	250 00
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1890	.	.	.	29 73
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				\$1,340 52

## COST OF SUPPORTING THE POOR AT ALMSHOUSE.

Drawn from treasury to pay J. C. Leighton, as warden	.	.	.	.	.	\$66 66
Drawn from treasury to pay grain bill, con- tracted by J. C. Leighton	.	.	.	.	.	122 39
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	.	.	.	.	.	\$189 05



<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$189 05
Drawn from treasury to pay smith bill, contracted by J. C. Leighton		30 26
Drawn from treasury to pay T. B. Besse, as warden		250 00
Drawn from treasury to pay J. C. Swan's bill		33 75
Drawn from treasury to pay for digging grave		3 00
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		\$506 06
Gain in the inventory from Feb. 1, 1889, to Feb. 1, 1890	\$101 86	
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1890	29 73	
	<hr/>	131 59
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		\$374 47

## INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE

	Age.	Weeks.
Michael Ryan	41	52
Albert Staples	47	52
George Randall	63	52
Conn Sullivan	55	26
Mary Sullivan		46
Ann Flynn	80	19 died
Abby Fadden	61	32
Mary Rogers	34	5 died
Edgar Fadden	9	24

The warden with the hearse has attended six funerals. The warden during the year has lodged and fed fifty tramps.

## EXPENSE OF POOR OUT OF THE HOUSE.

Aid to Frank Fadden's children . . .	\$151 00
Fred Leonard . . . . .	211 00
Olive B. Shaw . . . . .	34 00
Mary Sullivan . . . . .	24 00
Thomas Mason . . . . .	8 00
Annie Gifford . . . . .	15 00
Nathaniel Pratt . . . . .	100 00
Isabella Howard . . . . .	3 00
Callahan family . . . . .	6 00
Paid New Bedford, aid to Eaton family . .	4 00
Taunton, aid to Hervey family . .	48 94
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board Frank Fadden . . . . .	124 39
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board Thomas Clancy . . . . .	169 46
Brockton, aid to Mrs. Charles Burk .	50 00
J. C. Swan, aid to O. R. Higgins . .	70 00
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	\$1,018 79
Received from Plympton . . . \$100 00	
Due from Dedham . . . . . 6 00	
Due for digging grave for Isabell Howard . . . . . 3 00	
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	109 00
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Total expense of poor out of the house .	\$909 79
Total expense of poor in and out of the house . . . . .	\$1,284 26

JOS. A. SHORES,  
HORACE W. HOWARD,  
CHAS. T. WILLIAMS,  
*Overseers of the Poor.*

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

### INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Appropriation . . . . .		\$500 00
Jonathan White, counsel . . . . .	\$5 00	
F. E. Howard, care of cemetery two years . . . . .	2 00	
Advertising . . . . .	1 88	
G. A. Goodall, printing . . . . .	107 90	
W. H. Jennings, making State aid papers . . . . .	2 00	
H. L. Aiken, stationery . . . . .	7 25	
J. E. Ryder, gravel . . . . .	23 80	
C. P. Howard, rent Town Hall . . . . .	75 00	
Morss & Whyte, screens . . . . .	13 00	
S. N. Howard, gravel . . . . .	10 00	
Daniel Perkins, rent of office . . . . .	18 00	
D. W. Lewis, drain pipe . . . . .	45 71	
J. A. Shores, services with Mr. Stone, agent State aid . . . . .	8 10	
Thomas Groom & Co., collector's books . . . . .	1 50	
W. L. Puffer, tax-bills and order books . . . . .	17 25	
C. T. Williams, cash expense, and use of team . . . . .	5 84	
E. H. Lothrop, gravel . . . . .	3 00	
D. W. Gardner, care of monument grounds, etc. . . . .	6 50	
<i>Amount carried forward . . . . .</i>	<i>\$353 73</i>	

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	\$353	73
Davis Copeland, ditch North Main Street . . . . .		66	00
S. D. Shaw, for shovels . . . . .		3	60
S. M. Spencer, burning brand . . . . .		1	25
Z. A. Jenkins, drain pipe . . . . .		11	24
Charles Atwell, repairs of road tools . . . . .		2	50
C. P. Howard, material and labor for railing . . . . .		8	83
Erland Thayer, gravel . . . . .		2	40
P. K. Bacon, gravel . . . . .		18	37
Friend W. Howard, care of cemetery, . . . . .		3	00
W. H. Tobey, returning deaths . . . . .		1	00
C. L. McCann, returning deaths . . . . .		1	00
E. B. Hayward, survey and plan . . . . .		9	50
Oaks S. Soule, lumber for tramp-house . . . . .		62	94
G. R. Drake, shears . . . . .		50	
H. W. Howard, material and labor for railing bridge, etc. . . . .		3	30
Clarisa K. Howland, sand . . . . .		1	44
George Hunt, return of deaths . . . . .		75	
H. W. Howard, cash, expense, postage, and use of team . . . . .		8	44
J. A. Shores, cash, expense, postage, and use of team . . . . .		27	70
J. E. Car & Co., drain pipe . . . . .		16	26
C. R. Packard, administering oaths, postage, printing, stationery, etc. . . . .		10	50
		<hr/>	\$614 25
Overdrawn . . . . .			\$114 25

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

DISTRICT No. 1. Appropriation . . . \$350 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by  
Horace Bartlett, surveyor :

To Horace Bartlett . . .	\$112 55	
F. J. Hambley . . .	27 30	
J. C. Howard . . .	82 05	
E. B. Wilbur . . .	37 30	
Edgar Billings . . .	17 25	
Charles Howard . . .	17 10	
C. T. Morse . . .	2 40	
C. P. Howard . . .	50 00	
	<hr/>	345 95
Balance . . .		<hr/> \$4 05

DISTRICT No. 2. Appropriation . . . \$300 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by  
Friend W. Howard, surveyor :

To Friend W. Howard . . .	\$139 48	
L. A. Flagg . . .	18 60	
E. A. Cole . . .	37 28	
H. E. Dunning . . .	1 35	
Michael Dewyre . . .	7 20	
C. T. Williams . . .	16 50	
S. W. Hersey . . .	6 07	
N. F. Dunbar . . .	7 20	
Joseph Vosmus . . .	45 60	
J. H. Adams . . .	12 95	
Cyrus Alger . . .	4 05	
Prescott Snell . . .	5 85	
	<hr/>	302 13
Overdrawn . . .		<hr/> \$2 13

DISTRICT No. 3. Appropriation . . . \$325 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by  
Wm. F. Ryder, surveyor :

To Wm. F. Ryder . . .	\$67 00	
James McAnagh . . .	40 50	
E. B. Wilbur . . .	52 75	
J. E. Ryder . . .	18 12	
Owen King . . .	13 50	
Wm. O'Brien . . .	12 75	
J. A. Shores . . .	75	
George Hopkins . . .	36 00	
Daniel Lynch . . .	22 50	
John O'Hern . . .	3 00	
Nicholas McGrath . . .	4 05	
Erland Thayer . . .	39 25	
Horace Bartlett . . .	9 00	
		319 17
Balance . . .		\$5 83

DISTRICT No. 4. Appropriation . . . \$300 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by  
P. K. Bacon, surveyor :

To P. K. Bacon . . .	\$239 26	
John Gardner . . .	9 00	
J. C. Keith . . .	29 25	
John Norman . . .	21 00	
J. and C. O'Hara . . .	31 50	
W. C. Kinney . . .	9 75	
S. G. Copeland . . .	23 00	
O. K. Ness . . .	10 00	
Prescott Snell . . .	9 00	
O. K. Ness, bill, 1888 . . .	4 00	
		385 76
Overdrawn . . .		\$85 76



DISTRICT No. 5. Appropriation . . . \$300 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by  
R. C. Bennett, surveyor :

To R. C. Bennett . . .	\$116 50	
John Dausett . . .	41 65	
E. B. Wilbur . . .	18 70	
Horace Bartlett . . .	31 80	
David Frahar . . .	9 08	
J. C. Howard . . .	24 30	
Michael King . . .	4 05	
H. W. Howard . . .	16 20	
H. F. Howard . . .	8 10	
John McCarty . . .	3 45	
Philip Kent . . .	17 15	
	<hr/>	290 98
Balance . . .		<hr/> \$9 02

DISTRICT No. 6. Appropriation . . . \$325 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by  
H. W. Howard, surveyor :

To H. W. Howard . . .	\$125 22	
C. E. Dunbar . . .	2 55	
George W. Howard . . .	36 25	
William H. Howard . . .	1 50	
A. L. Alger . . .	51 70	
Cyrus Alger . . .	49 73	
Barnabas Dunbar . . .	37 65	
H. F. Howard . . .	20 00	
	<hr/>	324 60
Balance . . .		<hr/> \$0 40

DISTRICT NO. 7. Appropriation . . . \$300 00

There has been paid upon bills approved by  
J. Q. Hartwell, surveyor :

To J. Q. Hartwell . . .	\$88 50	
L. E. & E. Copeland . .	100 47	
L. E. Hayward . . .	22 98	
Michael Egan . . .	39 00	
C. H. Egan . . .	15 00	
Timothy Carroll . . .	25 50	
H. W. Howard . . .	10 00	
J. A. Oliver . . .	8 00	
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		309 45
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Overdrawn . . . . .		\$9 45

For Sidewalks. Appropriation . . . \$300 00

Expended as follows :

By vote of the town, to E. H. Loth-  
rop . . . . . \$50 00

At Centre, upon bills approved  
by H. W. Howard :

To H. W. Howard . . .	41 70	
H. F. Howard . . .	11 70	
J. C. Howard . . .	25 95	
Horace Bartlett . . .	21 60	
C. T. Williams . . .	16 20	
E. B. Wilbur . . .	13 95	
David Frahar . . .	9 45	
Joseph Vosmus . . .	8 20	
Owen King & Son . . .	1 25	
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		\$200 00

At Cochesett, upon bills approved by F. W.

Howard :

To F. W. Howard . . . .	\$20 85	
Joseph Vosmus . . . .	14 10	
C. T. Williams . . . .	17 95	
	<hr/>	\$52 90

At Jerusalem, upon bills approved by J. Q.

Hartwell :

To J. Q. Hartwell . . . .	\$6 00	
Timothy Carroll . . . .	4 50	
M. Egan . . . .	6 00	
L. E. Hayward . . . .	1 80	
	<hr/>	18 30

In the East District, upon bills approved by

W. F. Ryder :

To W. F. Ryder . . . .	\$11 80	
Erland Thayer . . . .	4 80	
James McAnagh . . . .	8 85	
	<hr/>	25 45

Expended . . . . .		<hr/>	\$296 65
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Balance . . . . .		<hr/>	\$3 35
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Appropriation for Matfield road . . . .			\$500 00
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There has been paid upon bills approved by  
the committee, E. P. Dunbar, W. F.  
Ryder, and C. C. Thayer to E. P. Dun-  
bar . . . . . \$49 99

To W. F. Ryder . . . .	63 69	
C. C. Thayer . . . .	43 74	
Erland Thayer . . . .	24 83	
J. E. Ryder . . . .	7 82	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i> . .			\$188 07
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$188 07
To George Hopkins	.	.	.	54 93
E. B. Wilbur	.	.	.	21 40
Wm. O'Brien	.	.	.	24 15
John Luddy	.	.	.	24 15
Owen King	.	.	.	24 15
James McAnaugb	.	.	.	56 34
Patrick Luddy	.	.	.	24 15
Timothy Murphy	.	.	.	21 15
Michael Hennessey	.	.	.	24 15
James Goshea	.	.	.	24 15
Patrick Fitzgerald	.	.	.	24 15
Patrick Carroll	.	.	.	17 58
Patrick Corbett	.	.	.	9 00
Michael Welch	.	.	.	14 28
Asa Bean	.	.	.	3 68
Philander Lambert	.	.	.	3 30
Daniel Lynch	.	.	.	3 00
George Crosby	.	.	.	1 95
			<hr/>	\$565 73
Overdrawn	.	.	.	\$65 73
Appropriation for memorial services	.	.		\$50 00
There has been paid upon bills approved by the committee, C. R. Packard, C. T. Williams, and Curtis Eddy	.	.	.	\$43 83

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SCHOOLS.

Appropriation for 1889	.	.	.	\$3,500 00
Appropriation for school repairs and supplies,				450 00
State School Fund	.	.	.	210 05
			<hr/>	\$4,160 05

There has been drawn from the  
treasury for the support of

schools . . . . .	\$3,648 25	
For repairs . . . . .	304 41	
For supplies . . . . .	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,102 66
Balance . . . . .		\$57 39

## STATE AID.

George N. Blanchard . . . . .	\$104 50
William Britton . . . . .	72 00
Charles E. Churchill . . . . .	72 00
William Crockett . . . . .	48 00
Lucius Dunbar . . . . .	72 00
Patrick Dorgan . . . . .	67 00
James P. Gallagher . . . . .	67 00
Wm. H. Jennings . . . . .	72 00
James H. Leonard . . . . .	66 00
Charles E. Miller . . . . .	32 00
Charles T. Morse . . . . .	72 00
John A. Millett . . . . .	67 00
Andrew W. Perkins . . . . .	44 00
William B. Smith . . . . .	45 00
Horace N. Weld . . . . .	54 00
Mary E. Alger . . . . .	48 00
Mary E. Howard . . . . .	40 00
Elizabeth O. Packard . . . . .	48 00
Mary J. Reeves . . . . .	48 00
Eliza F. Richardson . . . . .	48 00
Clarisa K. Howland . . . . .	12 00
Wm. A. Linnehan . . . . .	36 00
Benj. F. Phillips . . . . .	18 00
Ellis R. Holbrook . . . . .	18 00
Lucinda S. Lothrop . . . . .	12 00
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	\$1,282 50

## MILITARY AID.

UNDER CHAPTER 252, ACTS 1879.

Isaac H. Bates . . . . .	\$72 00
L. E. Hayward . . . . .	96 00
Thomas Mason . . . . .	36 00
Edward F. Hassett . . . . .	18 00
David W. Tinkham . . . . .	24 00
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	\$246 00

Total amount paid for State and military aid . \$1,528 50

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$700 00
C. R. Packard, auditor . . . . .	\$3 00
Frank Copeland, auditor . . . . .	3 00
Chas. E. Tisdale, treasurer . . . . .	150 00
George C. Howard, moderator . . . . .	6 00
B. B. Howard, town clerk . . . . .	8 90
George F. Logue, election officer . . . . .	1 20
F. S. Tisdale, school committee, . . . . .	3 00
D. W. Gardner, constable . . . . .	20 00
Lucius Dunbar, registrar . . . . .	7 50
E. H. Keith, registrar . . . . .	9 25
J. A. Fobes, registrar . . . . .	3 00
Benjamin Perkins, school committee and truant officer . . . . .	6 00
E. R. Holbrook, constable . . . . .	7 00
J. A. Perkins, constable . . . . .	25 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i> . . . . .	\$252 85



<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	\$252	85	
M. K. Crosby, superintendent of schools	. . . .	125	00	
M. K. Crosby, clerk of school committee	. . . .	10	00	
M. K. Crosby, distributing supplies	. . . .	15	00	
Chas. R. Packard, town clerk	.	51	76	
J. A. Shores, selectman, assessor, etc.	. . . .	178	00	
H. W. Howard, selectman, assessor, etc.	. . . .	148	05	
C. T. Williams, selectman, assessor, etc.	. . . .	85	00	
		<hr/>		\$866 46
Overdrawn	, , . . .			<hr/> \$166 46

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, Feb. 1, 1889 . . . . .	\$2,832 30
Town of Plymouth . . . . .	43 20
Town of Dedham . . . . .	4 00
Balance of corporation tax . . . . .	113 70
Borrowed of Brockton Savings Bank . . . . .	2,000 00
Town of Plympton . . . . .	123 50
E. B. Wilbur, auctioneer's license . . . . .	2 00
Borrowed of Frank Dunbar . . . . .	1,000 00
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Tax bills for 1889 . . . . .	14,858 29
Corporation tax . . . . .	780 29
National Bank tax . . . . .	517 85
State aid, Chapter 301 . . . . .	1,140 00
Military aid, Chapter 252 . . . . .	144 00
Town of Rehoboth . . . . .	16 38
Bradford Wild, auctioneer's license . . . . .	2 00
Dog fund . . . . .	342 33
Income of School fund . . . . .	210 05
Town of Plympton . . . . .	100 00
Interest on taxes after March 1 . . . . .	72 74
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	\$25,302 63

## EXPENDITURES OF TREASURY.

Six months' interest on loan . . . .	\$120 00
Six per cent discount on taxes paid on or before October 15 . . . .	747 30
Frank Dunbar, note and interest . . . .	1,020 00
Frank Dunbar, note and interest . . . .	1,015 00
County tax . . . . .	1,199 26
Interest on loan . . . . .	80 00
Brockton Savings Bank, note and interest . .	2,040 00
State tax . . . . .	1,000 00
Brockton Savings Bank, note and interest . .	2,068 44
Town officers . . . . .	866 46
Sidewalks . . . . .	296 65
Schools . . . . .	3,648 25
School repairs . . . . .	304 41
School supplies . . . . .	150 00
Lectures . . . . .	100 00
Library . . . . .	341 57
Poor out of house . . . . .	1,018 79
Highways . . . . .	2,278 04
Incidentals . . . . .	614 25
Abatement . . . . .	262 74
Town farm . . . . .	506 06
Memorial service . . . . .	43 83
Matfield road . . . . .	565 73
State aid . . . . .	1,282 50
Military aid . . . . .	246 00
Cash and uncollected taxes . . . .	3,487 35
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	\$25,302 63

## CONDITION OF THE TREASURY, FEB. 1, 1890.

Cash on hand	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,461 35
Uncollected taxes, 1887	.	.	.	.	.	.	28 61
“ “ 1888	.	.	.	.	.	.	375 18
“ “ 1889	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,622 21
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							\$3,487 35

## OUTSTANDING NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

Loaned from Brockton Savings Bank, \$2,000, payable  
Nov. 1, 1890.

Loaned from Brockton Savings Bank, \$2,000, payable  
Nov. 1, 1891.

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We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of  
the Treasurer of West Bridgewater for the year ending  
Feb. 1, 1890, and have found them properly cast and  
vouched for.

GEO. M. PRATT,  
LUCIUS GURNEY,  
CURTIS EDDY,

*Auditors.*

## NAMES OF JURORS.

For acceptance or revision by the town at its annual meeting :—

Cyrus Alger.	Warren C. Kinney.
Bradford Copeland.	A. L. Alger.
Frank Copeland.	Erland Thayer.
Edward H. Keith.	F. W. Howard.
John A. Millet.	F. L. Howard.
Myron Packard.	George H. Knapp.
Japhet Packard.	F. E. Howard.
Herbert A. Millet.	Prescott T. Snell.
Curtis Eddy.	William F. Ryder.
Ira Pratt.	Jonas Hartwell.
William Shipman.	Abial Washburn.
Horace W. Howard.	L. A. Flagg.
Charles C. Thayer.	Fred. H. Washburn.
Charles R. Packard.	Davis Copeland.
Almond Rounds.	Julius Hayward.
George W. Howard.	M. A. Ripley.
Seba H. Marshall.	George C. Howard.
Charles T. Williams.	Wm. H. Jennings.

## NAMES OF JURORS DRAWN IN 1889.

Henry W. Leach.	George R. Drake.
Horace Bartlett.	E. B. Wilbur.
Henry J. Le Lacheur.	

## WE RECOMMEND THE TOWN TO APPROPRIATE:

For support of poor . . . . .	\$1,500 00
Support of schools . . . . .	3,500 00
School repairs and supplies . . . . .	450 00
Highway repairs . . . . .	2,500 00
Town officers . . . . .	900 00
Incidentals . . . . .	700 00
Public lectures . . . . .	100 00
Paying town debt . . . . .	2,000 00
Interest on town debt . . . . .	160 00

The next annual town meeting will be held on Monday,  
the tenth day of March, 1890.

JOS. A. SHORES,  
HORACE W. HOWARD,  
CHARLES T. WILLIAMS,  
*Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.*

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In obedience to the instructions of the town, the under-  
signed have examined the accounts of all town officers for  
the year ending Jan. 31, 1890.

We find all orders drawn by the Selectmen properly  
vouched for by receipted bills.

GEO. M. PRATT,  
LUCIUS GURNEY,  
CURTIS EDDY,  
*Auditors.*



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

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### *Marriages recorded in West Bridgewater in 1889.*

- Feb. 21. Chester Thayer, of West Bridgewater, and  
Cora A. Thomas, of Bridgewater.
- March 23. Andrew Monson and Ida Sophie Nilsson,  
both of West Bridgewater.
- April 2. Edward L. Allen and Phœbe Wetherbee,  
both of Easton.
- May 5. Herbert M. Jones, of Brockton, and Ethel M.  
Vosmus, of West Bridgewater.
- June 12. Allen Reardon, of Canton, and Julia A. Car-  
roll, of West Bridgewater.
- June 27. Edward E. Brown and Lura M. Alger, both  
of Brockton.
- June 28. Harry H. Hunt, of Lakeville, and Lottie A.  
Logue, of West Bridgewater.
- July 6. Oscar C. French and Mary A. Cook, both of  
Lynn.
- Aug. 31. Henry M. Holmes, of East Bridgewater, and  
Nancy Eaton, of West Bridgewater.
- Sept. 29. James A. Washburn and Ada B. Daniels,  
both of West Bridgewater.
- Nov. 27. Charles H. Andrews, of Easton, and Laura  
D. Hartwell, of West Bridgewater.
- Nov. 28. Joseph B. Phillips, of West Bridgewater, and  
Emma E. Drew, of Fairhaven.
- Dec. 24. Lincoln H. Allen, of Brockton, and Lana D.  
Shaw, of West Bridgewater.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WEST BRIDGEWATER DURING THE YEAR 1889.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1887. March 5	Elvira Amanda Perkins.....	Female.	Josiah A. and Sarah W. Perkins.
1888. Jan. 11	Cecilia Agnes Marmion.....	Female.	Thomas J. and Catherine Marmion.
July 20 1889.	Stella Ellen Turner.....	Female.	Luther C. and Emma F. Turner.
Jan. 5	Leon Ripley Perkins .....	Male.	Josiah A. and Sarah W. Perkins.
Feb. 16	Eliza Jane Boyd Pratt.....	Female.	Nathaniel and Esther Pratt.
Feb. 19	Ellen O'Neil .....	Female.	John and Margaret A. O'Neil.
April 8	Not named (still born) .....	Female.	William N. and Sarah F. Shipman.
April 9	Inez Ames Robbins .....	Female.	David B. and Aurelia E. Robbins.
April 15	Jennie Esther Holbrook.....	Female.	Ellis R. and Eudora Holbrook.
May 19	Walter Henry Snell .....	Male.	Alton W. and Clara B. Snell.
May 23	Olive Howard Churchill .....	Female.	Thomas H. and Carrie M. Churchill.
May 28	Forest Monson .....	Male.	Andrew and Ida S. Monson.
June 13	Mary Grace Penpraese .....	Female.	William and Catherine Penpraese.
June 15	Evelyn Reed Keith.....	Female.	Edward H. and Victorine S. Keith.

June 17	Thomas Everett Marmion.....	Male.	Thomas J. and Catherine Marmion.
June 20	James Edward Conlon .....	Male.	Eugene and Margaret Conlon.
June 20	Sybil Hervey Holmes .....	Female.	Henry T. and Helen E. Holmes.
June 22	Walter Eldredge Howard.....	Male.	George W. and Ada H. Howard.
July 20	Edith Maud Packard.....	Female.	Charles E. and Eugenia E. Packard.
Aug. 5	Ida Estelle Packard.....	Female.	Arthur P. and Almira E. Packard.
Aug. 10	Timothy Stack }	{ Male.	
	Not named }	{ Male.	
	Not named }	{ Male.	Patrick and Mary Stack.
Aug. 27	Julia Hayward Kingman.....	Female.	William B. and Georgianna S. Kingman.
Sept. 5	Catharine Francis Cashin.....	Female.	John and Annie Cashin.
Sept. 21	Earle Warren Holmes .....	Male.	George H. and Emma W. Holmes.
Sept. 22	Arthur Edward Ryder.....	Male.	Joseph E. and Ellen H. Ryder.
Oct. 17	Not named (still born) .....	Male.	Eddy P. and Jennie T. Dunbar.
Oct. 20	Agneszine Belmore.....	Female.	Octave and Elise Belmore.
Oct. 22	Mary Elizabeth Lynch.....	Female.	Michael and Ellen C. Lynch.
Dec. 10	Everett Forest Wilds .....	Male.	George W. and Mary E. Wilds.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN WEST BRIDGEWATER DURING THE YEAR 1889.

DATE.	NAME OF DECEASED.	Y.	M.	D.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1888							
May 13	Dwelle Fobes.....	86	11	20	Apoplexy.....	West Bridgewater.	William and Free love Fobes.
1889							
Jan. 23	James Howard.....	72	4	12	Chronic Endocarditis.....	West Bridgewater.	Uriel and Lucy C. Howard.
Feb. 18	Elizabeth Ryder.....	80			General Debility.....	West Bridgewater.	Joseph and Eunice Kingman.
Feb. 28	Mary Luddy.....	15			Phthisis.....	West Bridgewater.	John and Mary Luddy.
March 10	Jonathan Howard.....	82	11	9	Old Age.....	West Bridgewater.	Edward and Sarah Howard.
March 18	Catherine Reed Howard...	68	10	12	Paralysis.....	Boston.	Jarvis and Esther Lothrop.
May 4	David W. Tinkham.....	75	0	24	Apoplexy and Heart Disease.....	Bloomfield, Me.	Andrew and Jenima W. Tinkham
May 10	Mary W. Barrell.....	25	10	21	Diabetes.....	East Bridgewater.	Thomas W. and Ann E. Barrell.
June 29	Dennis Harding.....	42			Compound Fracture of Skull and Spine		
Aug. 23	Patrick McCarthy.....	20	4	29	Diphtheria.....	West Bridgewater.	Michael and Elizabeth McCarthy.
Aug. 27	Lucinda S. Lothrop.....	78	11	7	Chronic Inflammation of Liver.....	Dennis.	David and Deborah Baxter.
Aug. 27	Amie Belle Miller.....	2	11	29	Convulsions.....	West Bridgewater.	Elbridge E. and Sarah E. Miller.
Sept. 29	Daniel H. Dunbar.....	63	6	21	Phthisis Pulmonalis.....	West Bridgewater.	Daniel and Nicholas Dunbar.
Oct. 17	Henry H. Whitman.....	76	1	8	Paralysis.....	West Bridgewater.	Noah and Mary Whitman.
Oct. 17	Unnamed.....				Still born.....	West Bridgewater.	Eddy P. and Jennie T. Dunbar.
Oct. 27	John W. Cotter.....	4	7	2	Congestion of the Brain.....	West Bridgewater.	Richard and Margaret Cotter.
Oct. 25	Henry Copeland.....	54	8	9	Paralysis and Heart Failure.....	West Bridgewater.	James and Betsy Copeland.
Nov. 7	John F. Ames.....	50	3	13	Uremia.....	West Bridgewater.	Charles and Abigail P. Ames.
Nov. 10	Fear J. Johnson.....	71	6	8	Cancer.....	Wareham.	Samuel and Betsy Swift.
Dec. 26	Thomas Sullivan.....		11	16	Malaria.....	New Bedford.	Edward J. and Mary Sullivan.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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At the beginning of the school year of 1889-90 the following were members of the committee :—

J. A. SHORES and Mrs. M. K. CROSBY, for three years.

F. S. TISDALE and C. T. HOWARD, for two years.

Mrs. A. S. LELACHEUR and B. PERKINS, for one year.

The organization for the year was as follows :—

J. A. SHORES, *Chairman*.

M. K. CROSBY, *Secretary*.

F. S. TISDALE and B. PERKINS, *Committee on Repairs*.

B. PERKINS and C. T. HOWARD, *Truant Officers*.

The schools were assigned as follows :—

North and North Centre to Mr. Perkins.

Cochesett to Mr. Tisdale.

Centre to Mrs. LeLacheur.

South to Mr. Shores.

East and Matfield to Mrs. Crosby.

Jerusalem to Mr. Howard.

To J. A. Shores, A. S. LeLacheur, and M. K. Crosby was assigned the examination of teachers selected to fill vacancies.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

## TEACHERS' DEPARTMENT.

Paid Miss L. W. Copeland, 34 weeks . . .	\$306 00
Miss I. S. Wood, 34 weeks . . .	316 00
Miss M. A. Tisdale, 11 weeks . . .	110 00
Miss L. Allen, 22 weeks . . .	230 00
Miss N. M. Toothaker, 12 weeks . . .	102 00
Miss C. C. Brown, 22 weeks . . .	198 00
Miss M. F. Hanscom, 25 weeks . . .	250 00
Miss L. V. Wesel, 9 weeks . . .	90 00
Miss W. A. Holmes, 34 weeks . . .	315 00
Miss A. A. Frawley, 34 weeks . . .	340 00
Miss M. A. Dewyre, 34 weeks . . .	340 00
Miss I. C. Wyman, 27 weeks . . .	246 00
Miss M. C. Keith, 7 weeks . . .	63 00
Mrs. Toothaker, 34 weeks . . .	340 00
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	\$3,246 00

## JANITORS' DEPARTMENT.

Paid for Jerusalem . . . . .	\$12 00
Cochesett . . . . .	22 00
Centre . . . . .	24 00
South . . . . .	12 00
East . . . . .	12 00
Matfield . . . . .	12 00
North . . . . .	12 00
North Centre . . . . .	12 00
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	\$118 00



## FUEL DEPARTMENT.

Paid J. E. Ryder, 5 cords hard wood . . .	\$25 00
E. Thayer, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord pine wood . . .	2 00
O. King, labor on wood . . .	9 00
W. King, labor on wood . . .	18 00
E. T. Snell, 10 cords oak wood . . .	50 00
E. T. Snell, $5\frac{1}{2}$ cords pine wood . . .	22 00
F. W. Kingman, labor on wood . . .	18 00
C. Keene, labor on wood . . .	3 50
F. Gillespie, 6 cords oak wood . . .	30 00
F. Gillespie, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cords pine wood . . .	6 00
Gillespie Brothers, 2 cords hard, and labor, . . .	15 00
Gillespie Brothers, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord pine wood and labor . . . . .	3 75
O. K. Ness, 1 cord oak wood and labor . . .	7 00
W. Penpraese, labor on wood . . .	20 00
P. H. Bacon, 3 cords oak wood and labor . . .	21 00
P. H. Bacon, 1 cord pine wood and labor . . .	6 00
L. E. & E. Copeland, 2 cords hard wood and labor . . . . .	12 50
L. E. & E. Copeland, 1 cord pine wood and labor . . . . .	5 75
M. K. Crosby, 4 cords pine wood . . .	16 00
For labor on wood at Jerusalem . . .	2 50
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	\$293 00

*Expenditures.*

Teachers' wages . . . . .	\$3,246 00
Fuel . . . . .	293 00
Janitors . . . . .	118 00
Balance . . . . .	53 05
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	\$3,710 05

*Receipts.*

Town grant . . . . .	\$3,500 00
Income of Massachusetts school fund . . . . .	210 05
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	\$3,710 05

## DEPARTMENT OF REPAIRS.

*Jerusalem.*

Paid C. T. Howard, labor . . . . .	\$5 25
Express on desks . . . . .	50
For small supplies and furnishings . . . . .	3 25
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	\$9 00

*Cochesett.*

Paid Lucius Gurney, repairing clocks . . . . .	\$1 00
Wm. A. Cole, labor and stock . . . . .	19 60
F. W. Howard, labor and stock . . . . .	5 75
W. Penpraese, labor . . . . .	1 00
For cleaning building . . . . .	6 00
For call bell . . . . .	62
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	\$33 97

*Centre.*

Paid L. Gurney, repairing clocks . . . . .	\$2 50
B. Perkins, labor and team . . . . .	3 00
C. Eddy, labor on seats . . . . .	2 50
A. K. Littlefield, furnishings (1888) . . . . .	6 25
G. Wilbur, labor and stock (1888) . . . . .	2 50
G. Wilbur, labor and stock . . . . .	11 95
For small furnishings . . . . .	3 05
Cleaning buildings . . . . .	5 63
B. H. Waugh, stock and labor on fence . . . . .	10 36
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	\$47 74

*South.*

Paid for cleaning building . . . . .	\$2 00
For small supplies and furnishings . . . . .	3 07
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	\$5 07

*East.*

Paid C. Eddy, work and stock . . . . .	\$0 50
For cleaning clock . . . . .	75
For cleaning house . . . . .	2 40
For small furnishings . . . . .	1 30
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	\$4 95

*Matfield.*

Paid E. B. Wilbur, labor on lot . . . . .	\$36 95
B. Perkins, labor on lot . . . . .	2 50
For cleaning building . . . . .	3 50
For repairing clock . . . . .	60
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	\$43 55

*North Centre.*

Paid W. H. Tobey, bureau . . . . .	\$3 50
B. Perkins, labor . . . . .	75
For small furnishings . . . . .	2 69
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	\$6 94

*North.*

Paid A. A. Barrett, repairing clock . . . . .	\$1 00
B. Perkins, labor . . . . .	3 75
For small furnishings . . . . .	1 30
B. H. Waugh, repairs . . . . .	1 50
Cleaning building . . . . .	2 00
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	\$9 55

*In General.*

Paid Albert Copeland, labor and stock . . .	\$8 24
Carroll W. Clark, music boards . . .	12 00
Loring & Howard, window shades . . .	58 50
C. P. Hilstrum, labor . . . . .	26 60
C. P. Hilstrum, stock . . . . .	13 50
Harper & Bros., writing charts . . .	7 50
C. Thayer, two moulding boards . . .	2 50
For express, telegrams and furnishings . .	5 80
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	\$134 64
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Whole amount of repairs . . . . .	\$295 41
Balance . . . . .	4 59
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Town grant . . . . .	\$300 00

According to the school census, taken for May 1, 1889, there were in town 285 children between five and fifteen years of age.

Two hundred and forty-one of these were in the common public schools, ten in the Howard School, ten (three of these over fourteen years) at work, two sick, ten young and not yet entered, eight unstable residents, and four out for other reasons.

The provision made for cases of habitual truancy was the same as that for the last two years.

The statistics of attendance, etc., are made up to close of January, 1890.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1890-91.

SPRING TERM, 14 weeks. March 3 to June 13, 1890.

*Recess.* Fast Day week.

FALL TERM, 12 weeks. Sept. 2 to Nov. 21, 1890.

WINTER TERM, 8 weeks. Dec. 1 to Jan. 30, 1891.

*Recess.* Christmas week.

This calendar, adopted by the committee for the next school year, provides for thirty-four weeks of school before the close of the financial year of 1890-91. To secure this and allow for an early closing in June, the spring term must begin about the first of March. A recess of one week, to include Fast Day, will agreeably divide the long period of continuous school work in the spring term.

A change in the time of commencing the spring term may be found necessary for some schools, on account of the interruptions made by sickness during the winter term, or for other reasons. These changes will be made and properly announced by the local committees.

The committee take especial satisfaction in reporting the Matfield School grounds cleared and graded (from this year's appropriations), as far as practicable with the present bounds on the west side. If, at any subsequent time, the limits of the lot should be extended on that side, some additional grading will be called for. The young growth of wood in the rear of the schoolhouse has been trimmed and left to grow for future comfort and ornament.

In addition to the ordinary expenses for repairs, etc., all of the school buildings have been furnished with much needed window shades, without exceeding the grant made by the town for this department.

The appropriations recommended for the next year are the same as last year for each department. That for repairs provides for the outside painting of the new building at Matfield and for that of the South schoolhouse.

While asking for the same amount to meet the expense of teachers, fuel, etc., we would say that a larger quantity of fuel is required than formerly, on account of having more weeks of school in winter. To provide for this and also to promote the "permanence of our teachers," an essential bulwark of ungraded schools like ours, it is probable that most, if not all of the grant asked for will be drawn from the treasury.

The appropriations recommended for this year are these : —

For the support of schools . . . .	\$3,500 00
For furnishings and repairs . . . .	300 00
For text-books and supplies . . . .	150 00

At the next annual meeting there should be a choice of two members of the School Board for three years.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SHORES,  
M. K. CROSBY,  
A. S. LELACHEUR,  
F. S. TISDALE,  
B. PERKINS,

*School Committee.*

WEST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 1, 1889.



SCHOOLS.		Length in weeks.	Scholars enrolled.	Average member-ship.	Average attendance.	Not absent or tardy.	Over fifteen years.	Less than five years	Wages per month.
SPRING TERM.	South . . . . .	13	25	23.53	21.12	2	0	0	\$36
	Centre Grammar . . . . .	12	25	21.2	17.33	2	1	0	40
	Centre Primary . . . . .	12	28	23.3	19.6	0	0	0	36
	East . . . . .	12	35	32.25	29.54	9	2	0	40
	Matfield . . . . .	11	25	22.54	20.9	0	0	0	40
	North . . . . .	12	22	20.9	20.2	6	1	0	36
	North Centre . . . . .	12	27	25.67	22.2	1	1	0	40
	Cochesett Grammar . . . . .	12	19	16.75	14.23	4	5	0	40
	Cochesett Primary . . . . .	12	32	23.82	24.82	3	0	0	36
	Jerusalem . . . . .	12	29	25.68	22.	5	0	0	36
FALL TERM.	South . . . . .	12	22	21.41	21.	1	0	0	36
	Centre Grammar . . . . .	12	24	20.51	17.93	2	0	0	40
	Centre Primary . . . . .	12	21	20.5	18.3	0	0	1	36
	East . . . . .	12	33	32.33	28.8	5	1	0	40
	Matfield . . . . .	12	26	21.73	19.36	0	0	0	40
	North . . . . .	12	20	20.	19.2	4	3	0	36
	North Centre . . . . .	12	22	21.58	19.42	2	1	0	40
	Cochesett Grammar . . . . .	12	22	20.88	18.53	5	3	0	40
	Cochesett Primary . . . . .	12	34	29.	25.33	3	0	0	36
	Jerusalem . . . . .	12	29	25.	22.	6	0	1	36
WINTER TERM.	South . . . . .	8	22	21.71	18.9	1	0	0	36
	Centre Grammar . . . . .	8	25	24.	18.5	0	0	0	40
	Centre Primary . . . . .	8	19	18.4	15.8	4	0	0	36
	East . . . . .	8	33	32.	28.46	4	1	0	40
	Matfield . . . . .	7	20	16.	13.66	0	1	0	40
	North . . . . .	6	21	20.5	19.9	7	3	0	37
	North Centre . . . . .	8	24	20.9	18.25	1	2	0	40
	Cochesett Grammar . . . . .	8	22	20.28	16.64	1	4	0	40
	Cochesett Primary . . . . .	8	28	24.	19.5	2	0	0	36
	Jerusalem . . . . .	8	29	28.	19.5	1	0	0	36

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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When our schools closed for the Thanksgiving recess, the prospect was excellent for reporting a prosperous year. In most of the schools the attendance for the spring term was fairly good, and during the fall it was, in many of them, unusually full and regular.

With favoring winter skies, it might reasonably be expected that we should regain among the towns of Plymouth County the good standing in average attendance that had been lost the previous year through sickness and from other causes, some of which were beyond our control.

Winter has brought good school weather, but no exemption of our community from its share in the prevailing epidemic, whose baneful influence has been so far reaching that it may with propriety be called "international."

There has been no occasion for radical change in either studies or methods. Good results can best be reached by "faithful continuance in well-doing," when once a satisfactory plan of work has been adopted.

Such additions have been made to the appliances for teaching as our limited appropriations would permit

Small paper globes, that can readily be held for study and recitation, have given valuable assistance in geography. •

Portable black-boards, ruled for the purpose, have been furnished to help in the practice of vocal music, and the schools not already in possession of similar aids have been

recently supplied with Harper's excellent "Charts for Penmanship."

The little paper "The Week's Current" still brings to our school-rooms its carefully prepared report of the world's progress.

On the teachers' desks have been placed several books treating of special branches of study, as Lessons on Plants, Lessons on the Human Body, Bert's Science Primer, Holt's Normal Music Reader, etc., thus increasing the small collection of reference books that *live teachers* find so essential in their daily work.

Magazines and books suited to interest children of different ages are, from time to time, left in the school-rooms, to give relief and pleasure to both teacher and pupils.

It is intended that these extra supplies — outside the ordinary text-books — shall be accessible to the pupils in leisure moments, under proper restrictions, and discreet teachers will find them effective substitutes for reproof in cases of restlessness and disorder arising from lack of pleasant occupation.

At the meeting of the Plymouth County Association of Teachers, held in Brockton last autumn, a plan was recommended for introducing "Nature Study" throughout the county, and printed copies of the proposed plan have been sent to the towns for distribution among the schools. Our town was mentioned as the only one in the county in which the schools had already attempted anything in the way of systematic observation of plants.

For winter the work is to be "study of trees," etc., and during the warm season, "native plants in order of their flowering."

Some of our pupils have already begun collections of woods cut so as to show bark, grain, and fibre, and men

skilled in woodcraft or busy at their wood-piles will doubtless receive applications for help in preparing the desired specimens.

For several years some of our schools have taken note of plants (including trees), beginning in the earliest spring, and have kept lists of their names with the dates of their first flowering.

The simple botany and small magnifying glass with which each school is supplied, render valuable aid in this pleasant study which — as must be readily seen — is chiefly carried on outside the school-room.

The Centre schools have met with changes, as in previous years. Miss Brown's temporary absence during the spring term, on account of serious illness, was provided for in a satisfactory manner by placing Miss N. M. Toothaker in charge of her school.

Just after the Thanksgiving recess, Miss Hanscom, of the grammar school, reluctantly withdrew to secure in Orange, Mass., higher compensation for her faithful work. Her self-sacrificing labors tended to promote a spirit of harmony and good-will in the school, and her regret at leaving was fully shared by her pupils, the School Board, and others who had made her acquaintance during her brief stay among us.

Her successor, Miss Lena V. Wesel, of Wenham, Mass., brings to her work the recommendation of Normal training, with several years' experience in teaching. We trust she will continue in the school, to carry forward the work she has begun with so much energy and prospect of success.

In the early autumn the grammar department of Cochesett lost, by change of residence, the services of one who was beloved in the community, both as a teacher and companion. Miss Tisdale's honorable record, achieved



during several years' successful labor in the school of her childhood, is that of a teacher "not without honor in her own country."

Miss Louise Allen of East Bridgewater accepted the offer of this vacancy, and took charge of the school in September. In addition to her ample preparation (by education and previous teaching) for the duties of the school-room, Miss Allen engages in her work with enthusiasm and an evident purpose to offer her pupils every opportunity of advancement within her power.

The North school, for the last few weeks of the winter term, has been conducted by a former instructor, Miss Mary C. Keith, on account of the severe sickness of its excellent teacher, Miss Wyman, who expects to resume her place in the spring.

It will be seen that the school at Jerusalem now holds a high rank in membership, and the impetus given by the new railroad to that section of our town would seem to indicate permanence in this increase.

The Matfield school has suffered most from the *unstable* element alluded to in last year's report. This school has lost during the year, by changes of residence, eleven pupils and received ten, — five of these making both changes.

The North Centre, Cochesett, and Centre schools have also been seriously interrupted by the same cause.

Whole number of pupils enrolled for the year	. 300
Number that have left town	. . . . 41
Number that have moved into town	. . . . 29

Several children have also changed schools within the town.

The High School received from the grammar schools in September fourteen pupils, — eight girls and six boys.

The total membership of this school since Jan. 1, 1889, has been thirty-seven : girls, fifteen ; boys, twenty-two.

In order that there may be no delay in entering upon the course of study arranged for the High School, applicants for admission will, in future, be required to possess the following qualifications : —

Ability to copy neatly and correctly, and to write from dictation.

A thorough knowledge of the parts of speech, their use, properties, and construction, with a good knowledge of analysis.

In United States History candidates must be able to pass a satisfactory examination on the Discoveries and Settlements; the Wars (causes, principal events, and results); the Administrations; and must also know the location of places mentioned in the history.

In Geography they must be prepared to draw from memory, maps of Massachusetts and of each of the Grand Divisions, marking in these maps the principal natural features and political divisions, and locating the chief cities. They should have a knowledge of the climate and productions of different countries, and be ready to describe journeys between important points.

In Arithmetic there will be expected a thorough knowledge of the four fundamental operations; of Common and Decimal fractions (including miscellaneous questions as given in the Franklin Arithmetic); of Denominate numbers (*not* including metric system); and of Percentage, Interest, and Profit and Loss.

Pupils presenting themselves must also bring from their respective teachers a certificate of correct deportment and good moral character.

These requirements are reasonable and can be attained by persevering efforts on the part of pupils, teachers, and parents.

If the most advanced pupils in the several schools could be brought into one class for one or two years, in preparation for the High School, results far more satisfactory to all concerned could be attained. As this is not feasible at the present time, I would suggest that whenever there



are classes in two adjacent schools nearly fitted for the High School, they should be combined under the teacher who could give most time to preparing them for the examination.

We were privileged during the spring term to receive a visit from Mr. Geo. H. Martin, one of the State Agents of the Board of Education. After spending some time in the several schools, observing them at their accustomed work, Mr. Martin met the teachers and superintendent and gave them most valuable criticism and counsel.

He spoke particularly of the work needed to produce good, intelligent reading in country schools. While it is true that much time is saved by improved methods in the first steps of this fundamental study, no "royal road" has yet been opened to the attainment of readiness and fluency in more advanced reading.

These essential requisites are gained only by perseverance and a great amount of daily practice, and if *time* for this necessary practice could be purchased, like school supplies in general, we should be able to show better results.

Mr. Martin also attended the public exercises of the High School. His impressions of our schools can best be learned from his own words.

He says : —

The schools of West Bridgewater have made a marked improvement since my inspection in 1883. Two causes have contributed to this: careful supervision and the permanence of the teachers. One half the teachers were at work in the town on my previous visit. Taking the whole county, less than one fourth have continued through this period. Four teachers have been acquiring skill with experience, and each year has enabled them to do more for the schools than they had done before.

Among the good points which I have noted, are the thoughtful supply of illustrative apparatus and helps for teaching, especially for the primary work; the supply of reading books of a higher

order, better adapted to form the taste and awaken a love for good reading; the opening of the eyes and minds of the children to nature, especially through the observation of native plants; the more interesting and stimulating methods used by the teachers in all their work; the evident effort to train the children to good habits of thinking; and, more important than all else, the aim to form good moral character.

Over against all this good work of the superintendent and teachers, stands the fact that some children who ought to be receiving its benefits are not in school. By the last returns it appears that the average attendance based on the average membership was far below that of the county (91%). This is a most serious evil, one for the whole town to consider and remedy. If we allow that ten per cent of the membership may be deducted for unavoidable absence, we still have left a considerable amount which *is* preventable. The town makes its appropriation for *all* the children. If eight or ten per cent of them are out of school, by so much the town fails to get an adequate return for its money. The man who is taxed to educate other people's children for the good of the community, has a right to insist that those children shall be in school. Every effort should be made to interest the children and their parents in a more advanced education. Now that the High School offers such admirable opportunity, under its enthusiastic and skilful teachers, the town ought to move toward the front rank as an educational centre.

I hope the time will come when, in West-Bridgewater as well as in other similar towns, the wasteful custom of maintaining many small schools poorly graded will be abandoned, and the children be carried to central schools where they can have all the advantages of good grading under the best conditions.

Reference has already been made in this report to the serious evil of non-attendance so forcibly presented by Mr. Martin. Under preventable absences, and which ought not to occur, should be classed most cases of detention of children from school for labor, for attending places of amusement, for making and receiving visits, and *all* cases arising from indifference on the part of children and parents.

With well-trained teachers thoroughly devoted to their calling (and such are at work in our schools) ; with school officials prompt, discreet, and impartial in the discharge of their duties ; and with the sympathy and co-operation of the citizens of our town, can we not make such substantial progress each year that the expectations of our educational friends and well-wishers shall ultimately be realized ?

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA K. CROSBY.

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## REPORT OF THE AGENT FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

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The money voted by the town for books and other school supplies has been expended as follows : —

To Harper & Bros., readers, spelling-blanks and copy books . . . . .	\$31 04
Ginn & Co., readers and geographies .	39 17
The Thorp & Adams M'f'g Co., paper, pens, pencils, and other small supplies	36 10
William Ware & Co., readers, histories, and arithmetics . . . . .	9 80
Iverson, Blakeman & Co., physiologies .	4 17
Prang Educational Co., drawing supplies .	4 70
Boston School Supply, small globes .	3 53
J. B. Lippincott & Co., readers and sci- ence primers . . . . .	6 50
Interstate Publishing Co., historical readers,	13 00
Postage . . . . .	1 99
Total . . . . .	<hr/> \$150 00
Inventory of stock on hand Jan. 31, 1889 .	\$17 25
Amount drawn from town treasury . .	150 00
	<hr/> \$167 25
Inventory of new stock on hand Jan. 31, 1890 . . . . .	\$20 53
Supplies furnished schools . . . . .	146 72
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## INVENTORY OF SUPPLIES ON HAND, JAN. 31, 1890.

5 readers . . . . .	\$1 17
3 arithmetics . . . . .	88
10 $\frac{1}{4}$ dozen copy-books . . . . .	9 23
2 $\frac{2}{3}$ dozen spelling blanks . . . . .	1 07
3 $\frac{1}{3}$ dozen composition books . . . . .	1 25
5 drawing-books . . . . .	63
5 half-reams paper . . . . .	2 05

*Miscellaneous.*

Crayons, pens, pencils, erasers, pen-holders, and ink . . . . .	4 25
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	\$20 53

The average number of pupils enrolled in the schools is 254; the cost of supplies provided by the town has been \$146.72 or 57.8 cents per scholar.

The inventory of supplies on hand does not include a number of partly worn text-books (mostly readers with a few histories and physiologies), that are kept by the agent to be placed in the different schools when needed.

By this arrangement it is possible to furnish a greater variety of books, and at less expense, than would be the case if all the schools should be supplied with like books at one time.

An imperative reason for keeping but a small stock of books in the various school-rooms is the lack of conveniences for storage.

Most of our school buildings were erected before the passage of the *free text-book* law, and are destitute of closets for the safe-keeping of school supplies.

The prospective needs of our schools for the next year call for the usual appropriation for supplies by the town.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA K. CROSBY.



## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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For the year ended Dec. 31, 1889, the additions to the library comprise 113 volumes, making the total number now on the shelves, 3,437.

The circulation of books of the several classes has been as follows, viz. :—

Agriculture . . . . .	42
Art . . . . .	23
Biography . . . . .	197
Fiction . . . . .	2,710
General Literature . . . . .	246
History . . . . .	178
Humorous Works . . . . .	80
Juvenile Works . . . . .	1,077
Magazines . . . . .	1,033
Poetry . . . . .	112
Works of Reference . . . . .	34
Religion and Theology . . . . .	11
Science . . . . .	141
Travels . . . . .	177
Public Documents . . . . .	2
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Total . . . . .	6,063

## COST OF MAINTAINING THE LIBRARY.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year . . . .	\$4 09	
Town Treasurer . . . . .	341 57	
Mrs. M. K. Crosby, press-board .	50	
C. R. Packard, book . . . . .	5 40	
S. Hamlet, books . . . . .	2 68	
Fines and sales of cards and catalogues . . . . .	15 75	
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## EXPENDITURES.

Paid Estes & Lauriat, for books .	\$173 08	
Balch Brothers, Century Dictionary . . . . .	20 00	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books . . . . .	16 50	
Librarian's salary . . . . .	103 36	
"Book Buyer" . . . . .	1 00	
Magazines . . . . .	40 68	
Stepladder . . . . .	1 25	
"Marvels of the West" . . . . .	3 75	
Lamp . . . . .	3 95	
Oil, express, postage, etc. . . . .	6 42	
	<hr/>	\$369 99

Respectfully submitted for Library Trustees,

CHAS. R. PACKARD.

## TOWN MEETING.

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PLYMOUTH, SS.

*To any Constable of the Town of West Bridgewater, in the County of Plymouth, GREETING :*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote at elections and in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the tenth day of March, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz. : —

ARTICLE 1. — To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. — To hear the annual reports of town officers and committees, and act thereon.

ART. 3. — To choose all necessary town officers.

ART. 4. — To bring in their votes, "Yes" or "No," on the following question : "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 5. — To act on the list of jurors as reported by the selectmen.

ART. 6. — To see if the town will vote to adopt the provision of the statute in relation to the election of road commissioners.

ART. 7. — To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

ART. 8. — To see if the town will raise one hundred dollars for public lectures.

ART. 9. — To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to borrow money, in anticipation of taxes, to pay charges against the town.

ART. 10. — To take such action as the town sees fit with regard to requiring the County Commissioners to establish a County Truant School in accordance with the provisions of law.

ART. 11. — To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to elect a superintendent of schools.

ART. 12. — To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for memorial services on Memorial Day. (By request.)

ART. 13. — To determine the manner of collecting the taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 14. — To see if the town will furnish their constables with the necessary equipments. (By request.)

ART. 15. — To see what action the town will take upon the claim for damages alleged to have been sustained by D. R. Simmons by the change in the grade of Crescent Street. (By request.)

ART. 16. — To see what action the town will take in reference to building a new almshouse. (By request.)

ART. 17. — To see what action the town will take in reference to building a new Town Hall. (By request.)

ART. 18. — To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, according to the vote of said town, seven days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the clerk of said town, at or before the time appointed for the meeting aforesaid.

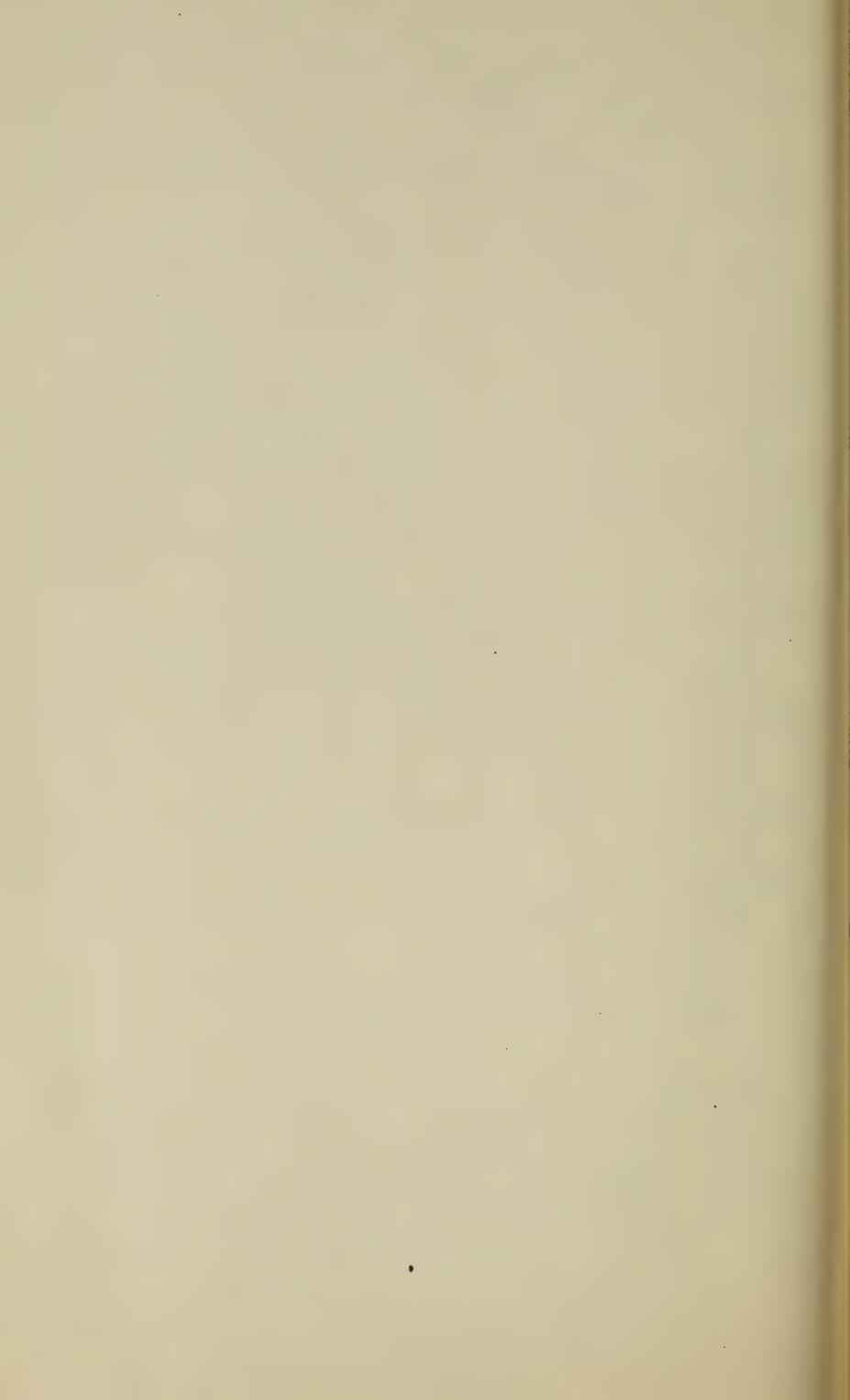
Given under our hands, at said West Bridgewater, this twenty-first day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

JOSEPH A. SHORES,

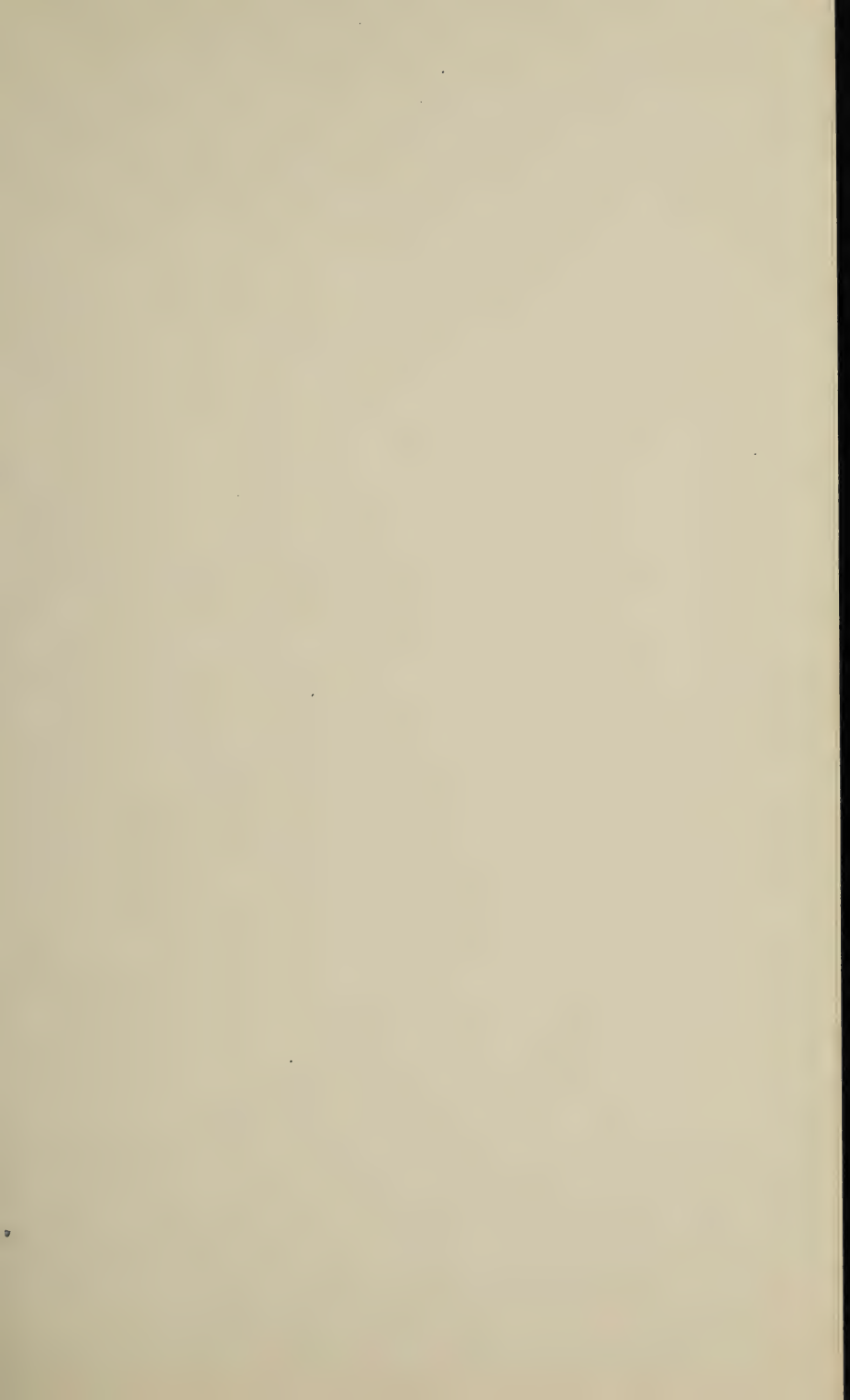
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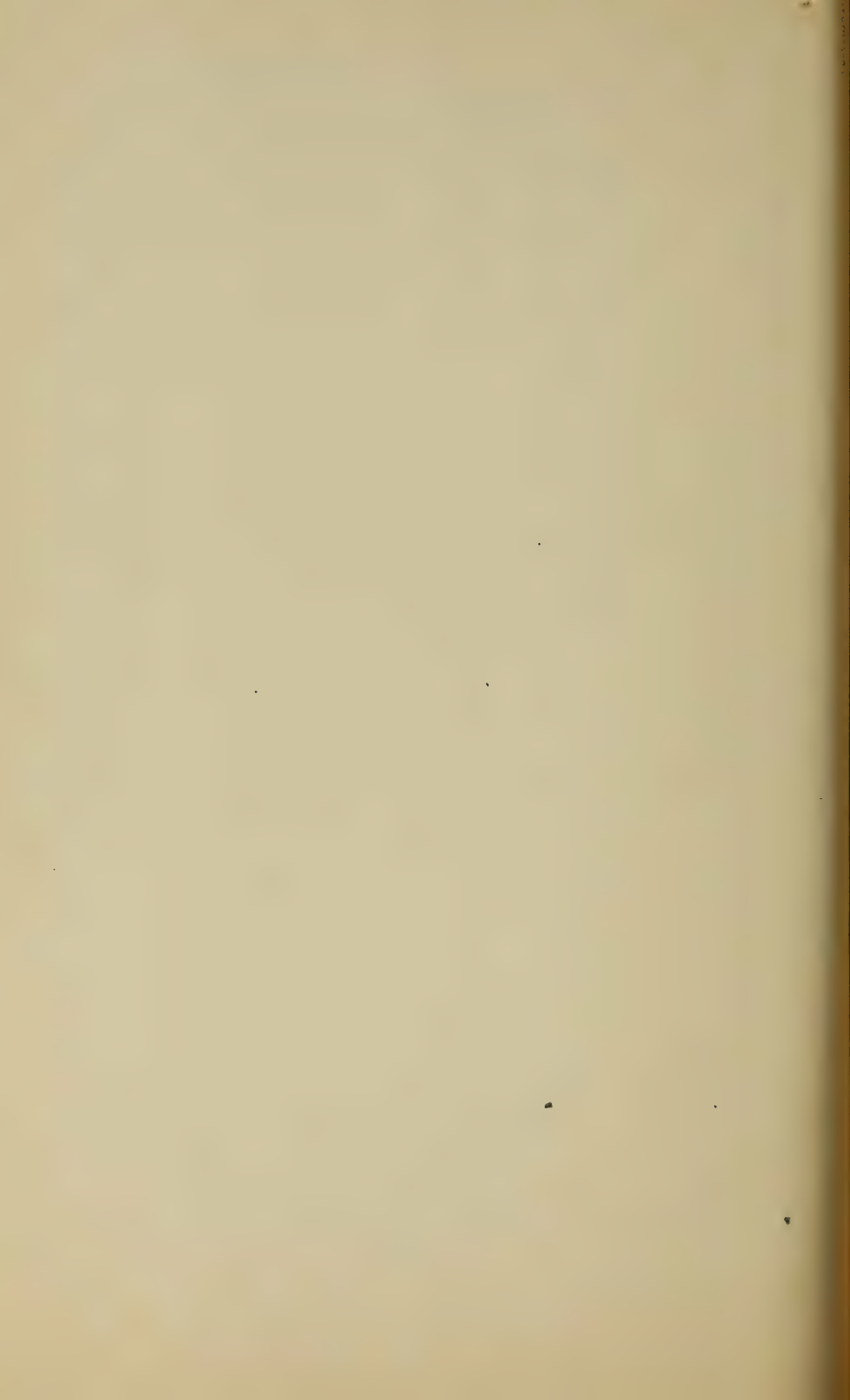
CHARLES T. WILLIAMS,

*Selectmen of West Bridgewater.*



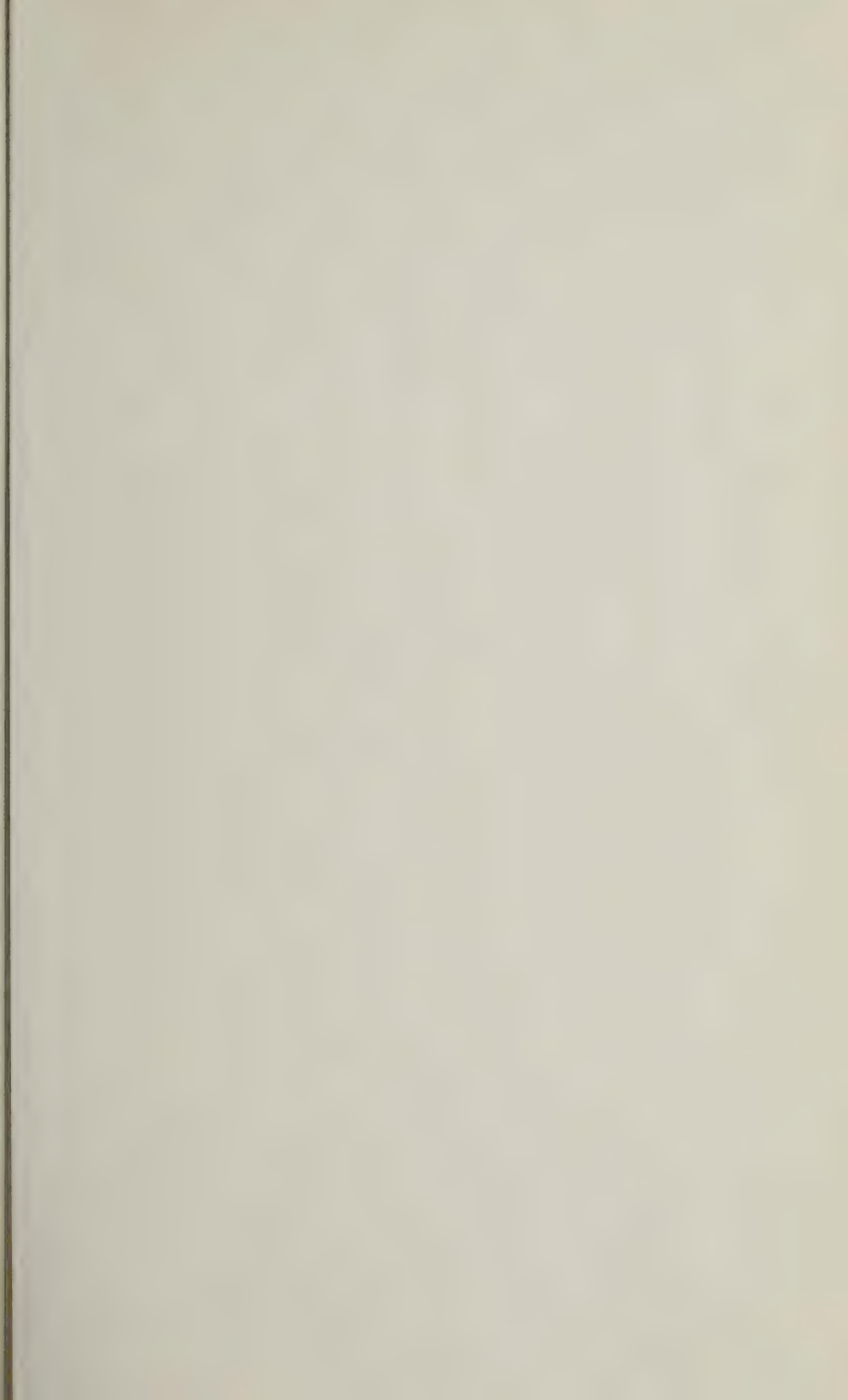






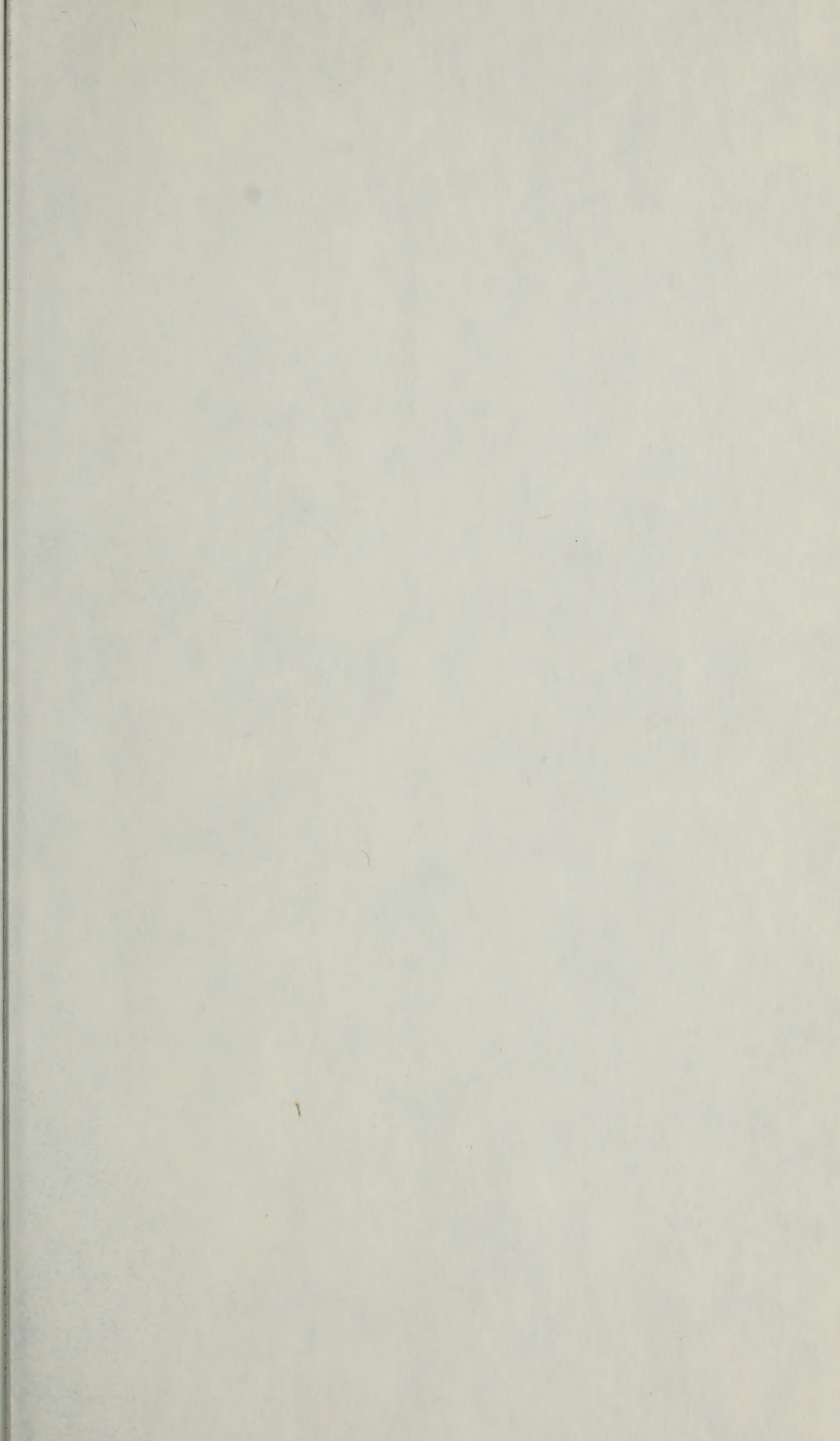


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